

**J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College
Course Content Summary**

Course Prefix and Number: ADJ 232

Credits: 3

Course Title: Domestic Violence

Course Description: Surveys historical issues that have affected family violence. Examines current trends in the context of the criminal justice system. Lecture 3 hours per week. 3 credits

General Course Purpose: Student's interested in the field of Criminal Justice to include but not limited to law enforcement, Victim / Witness Advocates and corrections. Students interested in the field of Law to include paralegal studies as well as those students interested in careers in the field of counseling and therapy.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites: None

Student Learning Outcomes:

Upon completing the course, the student will be able to:

- a. Define and identify the types of domestic violence.
- b. Discuss and understand the motivation for the violence.
- c. Discuss and understand the victim impact of the violence.
- d. Outline and understand the criminal justice response to problems in dealing with domestic violence.

Major Topics to Be Included:

- a. History of domestic violence in America
- b. Specific types of domestic violence
 - Spouses
 - Partners
 - Children
 - Elderly
- c. Recent changes in the Criminal Justice System that addresses domestic violence.

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