



LAW ENFORCEMENT OUTREACH PROGRAM (LEOP)

Class Outline

Education sessions address a number of topics, including:

- Probe an individual's perceptions about Arabs, Arab-Americans, and Muslims – while explaining a broad overview.
- Provide cultural information on Arabs, Arab-Americans, and Muslims
- Explain and differentiate between Arabs and Muslims both domestically and globally, including population figures and appearance.
- Force out stereotypical thinking and challenges it with analogical instruction, including what is the first thing that comes to mind when one hears the term “Arab.”
- Engage popular culture observations and balance the negatives and positives.
- Provide a thorough background of Islam and its belief system. Explaining the five pillars, fasting, *Allah*, and *Jihad*. Also addressing possible points of conflict that may arise out of lack of knowledge, i.e. an individual reading the Koran in a public place or praying in public.
- Help understand the background about Arab-American history and cultural and social norms and mores, including the “why do they hate us?” question that is often asked.
- Give a brief overview of the Arab and Muslim worlds geography.
- Help discuss what is and what is not suspicious: Appearance versus Behavior.
- Open the door for any and all relevant questions and allow a non-threatening environment to address such questions.
- Address how to better understand and engage said communities.

Sessions are presented from a non-threatening and lighthearted angle as to help build trust and breakdown barriers easily and quickly.