

CJE 3110 – Law Enforcement Systems

Course Description:

An analysis of the different law enforcement systems in Criminal Justice. Focuses on the different law agencies and their mission at the local, state, and federal levels. Prerequisite: CCJ 1020

Course Competencies:

Competency 1: The student will explore the different elements of the law enforcement systems by:

- a. defining law enforcement
- b. analyzing the purpose of law enforcement
- c. identifying the various agencies of law enforcement
- d. describing the mission of law enforcement

Competency 2: The student will explore law enforcement by:

- a. identifying the numerous law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels
- b. identifying the basic requirements for becoming a police officer
- c. discussing the recruitment of minority groups and women
- d. analyzing the structure of the police department

Competency 3: The student will demonstrate knowledge of law enforcement responsibilities by:

- a. defining the role of law enforcement
- b. describing the role of law enforcement in providing services
- c. analyzing the role of law enforcement in preventing crime
- d. identifying the role of law enforcement in preserving the peace

Competency 4: The student will analyze the use of discretion in police systems by:

- a. defining discretion
- b. understanding discretionary powers
- c. identifying the elements that influence discretion
- d. citing current trends and recommendations regarding discretion

Competency 5: The student will demonstrate knowledge of local law enforcement jurisdictions by:

- a. citing and describing the function and responsibilities of various
- b. agencies at the local level
- c. analyzing the jurisdiction of the local agencies
- d. identifying the limitations imposed by law at the local levels
- e. exploring current trends and special programs

Competency 6: The student will demonstrate knowledge of state police and highway patrol organizations by:

- a. citing and describing the function and responsibilities of the various agencies at the state level
- b. comparing and contrasting the mission statement of the state agencies
- c. identifying the limitations imposed by law on the state agencies
- d. exploring current trends and special programs

Competency 7: The student will identify and discuss the various functions and responsibilities of federal law enforcement agencies by:

- a. citing and describing the agencies that make up the federal system
- b. analyzing the reorganization of these agencies as a result of homeland security concerns
- c. recognizing the evolving mission of the federal agencies
- d. exploring current trends and special programs

Competency 8: The student will demonstrate knowledge of private security agencies by:

- a. citing and describing the types of agencies that comprise the private security sector
- b. analyzing how private security interacts with public agencies
- c. recognizing the limitations as imposed by law
- d. exploring current trends and special problems

Competency 9: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the internal organization of law enforcement agencies by:

- a. comparing and contrasting the chains of command and their impact on organizational structures and efficiency
- b. analyzing specialized units and their missions and functions
- c. debating succession plans
- d. listing and describing unions for law enforcement and the collective bargaining process and its impact on law enforcement

Competency 10: The student will demonstrate knowledge of government and law enforcement working together by:

- a. comparing and contrasting the advantages and disadvantages of elected versus appointed officials
- b. identifying the roles of law enforcements in local government hierarchy
- c. analyzing the interrelationship between law enforcement and the political structure
- d. identifying the relationship among local, state, and federal law enforcement organizations
- e. identifying the impact of budgets on law enforcement organizations