



Course Description

CJE3110 | Law Enforcement Systems | 3.00 credits.

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.

Course Competencies:

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

1. Defining law enforcement
2. Analyzing the purpose of law enforcement
3. Identifying the various agencies of law enforcement
4. Describing the mission of law enforcement

Competency 2: The student will explore law enforcement by:

1. Identifying the numerous local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies
2. Identifying the basic requirements for becoming a police officer
3. Discussing the recruitment of minority groups and women
4. Analyzing the structure of the police department

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

1. Defining the role of law enforcement
2. Describing the role of law enforcement in providing services
3. Analyzing the role of law enforcement in preventing crime
4. Identifying the role of law enforcement in preserving the peace

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

1. Defining discretion
2. Understanding discretionary powers
3. Identifying the elements that influence discretion
4. Citing current trends and recommendations regarding discretion

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

1. Citing and describing the functions and responsibilities of various agencies at the local level
2. Analyzing the jurisdiction of the local agencies
3. Identifying the limitations imposed by law at the local levels
4. Exploring current trends and special programs

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

1. Citing and describing the functions and responsibilities of the various agencies at the state level
2. Comparing and contrasting the mission statement of the state agencies
3. Identifying the limitations imposed by law on the state agencies
4. 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:

1. Citing and describing the agencies that make up the federal system
2. Analyzing the reorganization of these agencies due to homeland security concerns
3. Recognizing the evolving mission of the federal agencies
4. Exploring current trends and special programs

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

1. Citing and describing the types of agencies that comprise the private security sector
2. Analyzing how private security interacts with public agencies
3. Recognizing the limitations as imposed by law
4. Exploring current trends and particular problems

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

1. Comparing and contrasting the chains of command and their impact on organizational structures and efficiency
2. Analyzing specialized units and their missions and functions
3. Debating succession plans
4. 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:

1. Comparing and contrasting the advantages and disadvantages of elected versus appointed officials
2. Identifying the roles of law enforcement in the local government hierarchy
3. Analyzing the interrelationship between law enforcement and the political structure
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5. Identifying the impact of budgets on law enforcement organizations

Learning Outcomes:

- Communicate effectively using listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills
- Solve problems using critical and creative thinking and scientific reasoning
- Formulate strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information