

Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

In this semester-long course, students learn about the many careers that exist within the fields of law, law enforcement, public safety, corrections, and security. In addition to learning about the training and educational requirements for these careers, students explore the history of these fields and how they developed to their current state. Students also learn how these careers are affected by and affect local, state, and federal laws. Finally, students examine the relationships between professionals in these fields and how collaborations between professionals in these careers help to create a safer, more stable society.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Learn about law enforcement careers, the history of law enforcement in the United States, and the role law enforcement plays in society
- Discover careers in the corrections fields, including the history of prisons and jails and the nature of probation and parole in the correction fields
- Discuss American criminal law and legal services, including historical aspects of this field and current career opportunities
- Examine public safety services, including the roles of firefighters and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and the history of their fields
- Investigate the private security field, including its development, the laws that pertain to it, and the careers available

Student Expectations

This course requires the same level of commitment from you as a traditional classroom course. Throughout the course, you are expected to spend approximately 5–7 hours per week online on:

- Interactive lessons that include a mixture of videos, readings, and tasks
- Assignments in which you apply and extend learning in each lesson
- Assessments, including quizzes, tests, and cumulative exams

Communication

Your teacher will communicate with you regularly through discussions, email, chat, and system announcements. You will also communicate with classmates, either via online tools or face to face, as you collaborate on projects, ask and answer questions in your peer group, and develop your speaking and listening skills.

Grading Policy

You will be graded on the work you do online and the work you submit electronically to your teacher. The weighting for each category of graded activity is listed below.

Grading Category	Weight
Lesson Quizzes	20%
Unit Tests	20%
Cumulative Exams	20%
Assignments	10%
Projects	30%
Additional	0%

Scope and Sequence

When you log into Edgenuity, you can view the entire course map—an interactive scope and sequence of all topics you will study. The units of study are summarized below:

- Unit 1:** Law Enforcement Career Paths
- Unit 2:** Careers in Corrections
- Unit 3:** American Criminal Law and Legal Services
- Unit 4:** Public Safety Services
- Unit 5:** Private Security Career Paths