

Law Enforcement Field Services

Course Overview and Syllabus

Grade level: 9–12

Prerequisite Courses: None

Credits: 0.5

Course Description

This semester-long course introduces students to the field of law enforcement and the local, county, state, and federal laws that law enforcement personnel are sworn to uphold. The students also gain an understanding of the career options available in this field and the skills, education, and background experience needed to succeed. Students learn about the evolution of the role of law enforcement in the United States including key changes affecting law enforcement. Students learn about the interaction between local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. Finally, students learn about the types of crime that are commonly committed and the procedures, evidence collection techniques, and technological advances that law enforcement personnel use to investigate crimes.

Course Objectives

Throughout the course, you will meet the following goals:

- Learn the history of law enforcement in the United States and the different responsibilities of local, country, state, and federal agencies
- Explore the background requirements and training options for various careers and positions
- Investigate the responsibilities of law enforcement officers, from daily activities to disaster situations
- Examine the roles of various federal agencies and the scope of federal law enforcement authority
- Compare civilian and military investigative agencies
- Distinguish between crimes against individuals, property, and communities
- Investigate the relationship between constitutionally guaranteed freedoms and governmental protections
- Discover how emerging technologies help agents enforce laws, investigate crimes, and protect the public

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:** A Tradition of Safe Communities
- Unit 2:** Local and State Law Enforcement
- Unit 3:** Federal Law Enforcement
- Unit 4:** Crime and Criminals
- Unit 5:** 21st Century Policing