



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This competency-based course is designed to provide students with an overview of the criminal justice system. In the Criminal Justice course, students will engage in virtual reality and interactive videos designed to test their visual memory and ability to apply their skills to effectively manage a crime scene. Students will become immersed in topics that include criminal and constitutional law, security, and communications. Students will review basic law enforcement skills, which cover tactics, methods, and skills utilized by law enforcement. These concepts should be taken into consideration when taking this course and assessing implementation options. Upon completion of this course, students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to earn a digital badge in Criminal Justice, and will be better prepared for the certification exam.

Title	Objective
Constitutional Law 1	Describe how the three branches of government work in conjunction to support our criminal justice system.
Constitutional Law 2	Identify constitutional law as it applies to the criminal justice system.
Search and Seizure 1	Describe and demonstrate search and Seizure as it relates to Miranda v. Arizona.
Search and Seizure 2	Describe and demonstrate stop and frisk as it relates to Terry v. Ohio.
Bill of Rights	Explain how the Bill of Rights governs police and prosecutors.
6th Amendment	Evaluate how the 6th Amendment impacts both criminal investigations and the trial process.
8th Amendment	Evaluate the impact of the 8th amendment on our judicial system.
14th Amendment	Explain how the 14th Amendment enhanced citizen protection under due process.
Probable Cause & Reasonable Suspicion	Describe arrest procedures including probable cause and reasonable suspicion.
Complete an Arrest Report	Describe how to complete an arrest report.
Arrest Procedures	How to complete correct arrest, place handcuffs, complete a search, and complete an arrest report.
Classes of Crimes	Define the classes of crimes.
Misdemeanors and Infractions	Define types and categories of misdemeanors crimes and infractions.
Felony Crimes	Define types and categories of felony crimes.

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Civil and Criminal Law	Differentiate between, and identify elements of, civil and criminal law.
Federal Procedures	Describe federal criminal law procedures.
State Procedures	Describe state criminal law procedures.
Local Procedures	Discuss the impact local ordinances can have on criminal procedures.
Federal Court	Describe the federal court system as it applies to the criminal justice system.
Roles and Responsibilities	Describe the roles and responsibilities of the people involved in the trial processes.
Courtroom	Describe appropriate professional courtroom testimony and demeanor.
Notify Witnesses	Explain how to notify witnesses and defendants of court schedules.
Warrant Process 1	Describe the warrant and summons processes.
Warrant Process 2	Describe the difference between a search warrant and an arrest warrant.
Juvenile Justice System 1	Identify the programs and agencies within the juvenile justice system and their roles and responsibilities.
Juvenile Justice System 2	Identify law enforcement procedures related to juvenile delinquency.
Communication	Demonstrate proper communication usage and procedures (i.e. use the telephone and police radio properly).
Low Risk Traffic Stop	Demonstrate correctly conducting a low-risk traffic stop, including reporting to dispatch, and issue a traffic citation.
Traffic Stop Techniques	Describe proper traffic stop techniques.
Handcuffing	Demonstrate proper handcuffing techniques.
Search Procedures (Vehicle & Equipment)	Identify appropriate search procedures in the inspection of a vehicle and equipment.
Search Procedures (People)	Identify appropriate search procedures for persons.
Patrol Duties	Identify the main duties and responsibilities of patrol officers.
Patrol Procedures	Identify different types of patrol procedures and techniques.
Patrol Types	Identify different patrol types and zones and evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of each.
Criminal Investigations	Identify the different types of criminal investigations (juvenile, robbery).
Interviewing Witnesses	Describe effective interview skills and techniques for obtaining information from witnesses and victims in an investigation.
Suspect Interviews	Describe effective interview skills and techniques for obtaining information from suspects in an investigation.

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Miranda Warning Requirements	Describe Miranda warning requirements in suspect interviews.
Fingerprint Processing	Describe fingerprint processing (e.g., live scan, inked impressions).
Officer Response Safety 1	Describe scene safety techniques for officer response (e.g., domestic abuse, assault).
Officer Response Safety 2	Describe scene safety techniques for officer response at a motor vehicle crash site.
Impaired Drivers	Recognize and describe indicators of impaired drivers.
Reports	Describe the purpose of different types of reports.
Use of Force Guidelines "Force Continuum"	Describe the use-of-force guidelines as it applies to Federal, State, and local laws.
Officer Presence & Verbal Commands	Explain the proper de-escalation techniques used by police officers.
Non-lethal Weapons	Identify non-lethal weapons and techniques for use in the field.
Less-than-lethal Force and Deadly Force	Describe the differences between less-than-lethal force and deadly force.
Deadly Force	Identify the procedural laws and requirements governing the use of deadly force.
Civil and Criminal Liabilities	Explain the civil and criminal liabilities that apply to use of force by a police office.
Legal Issues	Describe legal issues pertaining to objective reasonableness as it pertains to the use of force that include Tennessee v. Garner and Graham v. Conner cases.
Weapons Safety	Demonstrate weapon safety and familiarization.
Interpersonal Skills	Identify the unique interpersonal skills required in communicating with a culturally diverse community.
Human Relations	Identify factors that may affect human relations in criminal justice operations with culturally diverse communities.
Culturally Diverse Communities	Identify methods of communication that may enhance human relations with culturally diverse communities.
Mental Health	Describe procedures for identifying, handling, and referring people who exhibit signs of mental illness.
Domestic Violence, Abuse, and Neglect	Identify and describe procedures for dealing with domestic violence, including abuse and neglect.
Racial Profiling	Identify racial profiling as it relates to policing.

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Crisis Management	Identify solutions for situations that require crisis management and conflict resolution (e.g., language interpreters, victims of domestic violence, homeless persons, disaster response).
Reports	Describe the purpose of different types of reports and field notes.
Accurate Report Writing	Explain the who-what-when-where-why-how elements of accurate report writing and field notes.
Community Policing	Analyze current trends in effective community-oriented policing.
Computer Databases	Display familiarity with law enforcement computer databases (i.e. National Crime Information Center (NCIC)).
Technology	Identify emerging police technology and social media.
Security: Terrorism	Identify sources and types of domestic and international terrorism.
Security: Private	Describe safe and responsible ways of responding to expressions of hostility or threats, including the use of private security and property protection.
Security: Criminal Organizations	Identify different types of criminal organizations.
Health and Safety 1: Hazards at a Crime Scene	Discuss the potential health and safety hazards one could encounter at a crime scene.
Health and Safety 1: Minimize Risk	Demonstrate skills and techniques to minimize risk to self and others at the crime scene.
Health and Safety 2: State and Federal Regulations	Discuss state and federal regulations regarding hazardous materials as related to crime scenes.
Health and Safety 2: Hazardous Materials	Identify hazardous materials, proper response, and scene management.
Health and Safety 3: Emergency Procedures	Discuss emergency procedures involving personal risk in a crime scene situation.
Health and Safety 3: Emergency Procedures	Demonstrate knowledge of CPR, AED, First aid, and emergency medical care.
Health and Safety 4: Protective Equipment	Identify and explain the use of protective equipment for crime scene processing.
Crime Scene Management 1: Proper Evidence Collection Practices	Identify proper methods for marking, measuring, and collecting evidence.
Crime Scene Management 1: Scientific Principles Involved in Crime Scene Management	Explain the scientific principles involved in proper evidence preservation.
Crime Scene Management 1: Proper Evidence Collection Practices	Identify and follow chain of custody protocols.

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Crime Scene Management 2: Initial Crime Scene Management	Identify and explain the appropriate crime scene management for a first responder.
Crime Scene Management 2: Crime Scene Processing	Identify and explain the appropriate search patterns that are used to identify evidence at a crime scene.
Crime Scene Management 2: Crime Scene Processing	Explain the methods for collecting and processing latent fingerprints.
Crime Scene Management 2: Crime Scene Processing	Explain the methods for collecting DNA evidence.
Crime Scene Management 2: Crime Scene Processing	Explain proper crime scene photography and documenting photographs taken at the scene.
Court System: Juvenile Court System	Discuss juvenile court system, including procedures and alternative programs.
Corrections 1: History	Describe the history of corrections.
Corrections 1: Intake	Identify correctional system intake procedures.
Corrections 2: Systems	Differentiate between local, state, and federal correctional systems.
Corrections 2: Classifications	Identify various types of correctional systems security levels, and classifications of correctional institutions.