

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security

Career and Technical Education Series



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Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Course Overview

Life in the twenty-first century would not be possible without police officers, paramedics, firefighters, attorneys, corrections officers or security guards. In this course, students will learn about the many careers that exist within the fields of law, law enforcement, public safety, corrections, and security. Besides learning about the training and educational requirements for these careers, students will explore the history of these fields and how they developed to their current state. Students will also learn how these careers are affected by and affect local, state, and federal laws. Finally, students will examine the relationships between professionals in these fields and how collaborations between professionals in these careers help to create a safer, more stable society.

- **Law Enforcement Career Paths, their History and their Role in Society:** This unit focuses on law enforcement careers, the history of law enforcement in the United States and the role that law enforcement plays in society.
- **Careers in Corrections:** This unit explores careers in the corrections fields, including the history of prisons and jails and the nature of probation and parole in the correction fields.
- **American Criminal Law and Legal Services:** This unit focuses on American criminal law and legal services, including historical aspects of this field and current career opportunities.
- **Public Safety Services:** This unit focuses on public safety services, including firefighters and emergency medical services (EMS) and the history of those fields.
- **Private Security Career Paths, their History and Legal Development of Security Services:** This unit focuses on the private security field, including the development of this field, the laws that pertain to it and the careers that are available in this field.

For this course, students should know that:

- there are many available careers in the law enforcement, public safety, corrections, and security fields.
- these careers have diverse career paths that combine educational and physical requirements with high standards for training.
- these careers are directly impacted by local, state, and federal laws.

Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Unit 1: Law Enforcement Career Paths	
	Assignments	
	1. Course Overview	10. Project: The Responsibilities and Jurisdictions of Law Enforcement Agencies
	2. History of Law Enforcement	11. Federal Law Enforcement Careers
	3. Project: Understanding Police History: A Timeline Project	12. Project: Making the Team: Federal Law Enforcement Agencies
	4. Career Paths for Police Work	13. Quiz: Federal Law Enforcement in the United States
	5. Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	14. Special Project*
	6. Project: The Bill of Rights: Daily Concerns for Police Officers	15. Test
	7. Quiz: Local and State Law Enforcement: Evolution, Career Paths and Legal Aspects	16. Course Project Part 1: Choosing a Career of Interest*
	8. History of Federal Law Enforcement	17. Glossary and Credits
	9. Jurisdiction of Federal Law Enforcement Agencies	

Unit 2: Careers in Corrections	
Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Assignments
	1. History of Prisons and Jails in the United States
	2. Jails and Jail Administration
	3. Project: Jails in Your County
	4. Correctional Career Paths
	5. Project: Getting a Job in a Corrections Field
	6. Quiz: Incarceration and Corrections Officers
	7. The History and Nature of Probation in the United States
	8. Project: Probation in Your State
	9. The History and Nature of Parole in the United States
	10. Careers in Probation and Parole
	11. Project: Parole: Are We Better Off Without It?
	12. Quiz: Probation and Parole
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 2: Requirements for the Career of Your Choice*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 3: American Criminal Law and Legal Services	
Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Assignments
	1. The Origins of Law in the United States
	2. Federalism in the United States
	3. Project: Whose Laws Reign Supreme? The Supreme Court and Federal Law
	4. The Adversarial Due Process System
	5. Project: Civil versus Common Law
	6. Quiz: American Criminal Law
	7. Federal and Local Criminal Defense in the United States
	8. Project: Volunteer with a Legal Aid Organization
	9. Federal and Local Prosecutors in the United States
	10. Project: Entertainment Versus Fiction
	11. Paralegals, Court Reporters, and Mediators
	12. Quiz: The Legal System and Career Paths
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 3: Laws and Regulations*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 4: Public Safety Services	
Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Assignments
	1. History of Firefighters in the United States
	2. The Training and Role of Firefighters
	3. Project: Becoming a Firefighter in Your State
	4. Specialized Firefighters
	5. Project: Beyond Smokey the Bear: Wildland Firefighters
	6. Quiz: Firefighting
	7. History of Emergency Medical Services in the U.S.
	8. EMT Levels and Certification
	9. Project: Charting a Career Path as an EMT
	10. EMT Medical Procedures
	11. Project: CPR - A Life Saving Skill
	12. Quiz: Emergency Medical Services
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 4: Interview with a Professional in This Career*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 5: Private Security Career Paths	
Introduction to Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security	Assignments
	1. History of the Private Security Industry
	2. Career Paths in Private Security
	3. Project: Requirements for a Private Security Job
	4. Training Requirements by State for Security Professionals
	5. Project: Licensing Requirements in Your State
	6. Quiz: Private Security: Evolution, Career Paths and State/Local Regulations
	7. Constitutional Law and Private Security
	8. Partnerships Between Private Security and Law Enforcement Agencies
	9. Project: Understanding the Advantages and Risks of Collaborations Between Private Security and Law Enforcement Agencies
	10. Legal Aspects of Partnerships Between Military and Private Security Agencies
	11. Project: Understanding International Law: The UN Mercenary Ban
	12. Quiz: Constitutional and Legal Aspects of Private Security
	13. Special Project*
	14. Test
	15. Course Project Part 5: Identifying a Career Path*
	16. Glossary and Credits

Unit 6: Course Project, Review, and Exam	
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	1. Course Project Part 6: A Mini Career Fair: Sharing Your Research
	2. Review 3. Exam

(*) Indicates alternative assignment