



COURSE SYLLABUS
CRIMINAL JUSTICE I
Fall 2021

PROGRAM TITLE: Criminal Justice I

DOE CODE: 5822

RECOMMENDED GRADE LEVELS: 11, 12

PREREQUISITES: None

HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS: 3 per semester (6 total per school year)

ELECTIVE INFORMATION: Counts as a Directed Elective or Elective for all diplomas

HOW WCC CAN HELP MEET GRADUATION PATHWAYS:

Pathway 1 High School Diploma = Directed Electives

Pathway 2 Employability Skills = Work-Based Learning

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Criminal Justice introduces students to public safety occupations and what it takes to protect and serve a community. Practical instruction focuses on the daily duties of police officers and other professionals of the justice system. Topics include law enforcement, forensics, homeland security, conservation, and the legal proceedings of the criminal justice system. Criminal Justice I Introduces specialized classroom and practical experiences related to public safety occupations such as law enforcement, loss prevention services, and homeland security. This course provides an introduction to the purposes, functions, and history of the three primary parts of the criminal justice system as well as an introduction to the investigative process. Oral and written communication skills will be reinforced through activities that model public relations and crime prevention efforts as well as the preparation of police reports.

MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Develop an understanding of crime and justice in the United States
2. Distinguish between the various functions of segments of the criminal justice system
3. Demonstrate an understanding of corrections and incarceration
4. Analyze the nature of crime
5. Demonstrate an understanding of law enforcement ethics
6. Understand the use of force
7. Assess and implement approved safety procedures and defensive tactics for law enforcement
8. Establish positive relationships with people from diverse backgrounds

REQUIRED TEXT/CURRICULUM MATERIALS:

- Essential of Criminal Justice; 11th Edition; Cengage Learning
- Ethical Dilemmas & Decisions in Criminal Justice; 10th Edition; Cengage Learning
- An Introduction of Policing; 9th Edition; Cengage Learning

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION AVAILABLE:

Indiana Law Enforcement Academy Jail Officer Training

DUAL CREDITS AVAILABLE:

LAWE 100 Survey Criminal Justice
Vincennes University 3 credits
Pre/Co-requisites may apply. Qualifies for THD and Pathway Dual Credits.

LAWE 101 Basic Police Operations
Vincennes University 3 credits
Pre/Co-requisites may apply. Qualifies for THD and Pathway Dual Credits.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY:

This course will be delivered using a variety of delivery methods. Lecture, class discussion, demonstrations, simulations, lab work, and individual and group exercises and activities will be used to deliver the class material.

EVALUATION METHODS:

- Classroom work
- Lab work
- Dual credit course projects and exams
- Participation and attendance

GRADING SCALE:

A+	99-100%	C	72-77%
A	92-98%	C-	70-71%
A-	90-91%	D+	68-69%
B+	88-89%	D	62-67%
B	82-87%	D-	60-61%
B-	80-81%	F	59% and below
C+	78-79%		

REQUIRED CONSUMABLE MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT:

- Student kit

CLASS POLICIES:

1. Attend each day.
2. Communicate with your teacher when needed.
3. Put forth a good effort each day.
4. Stay on task.
5. Work well in assigned teams.
6. Do the work assigned in a timely manner.