

COURXAM 523:

Introduction to Criminal Procedure

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Content Outline & Learning Objectives

A CourXam has no syllabus because the amount of time spent and the order of content areas are entirely up to the learner. Credit earned is based only upon the results of the college credit exam, which will measure the student's mastery of the material.

Each CourXam has six general content areas (noted as COs) and each of these general content areas are broken down into three modules (noted as MOs) as outlined on the next page.

The relative weight of each general content area is included on the outline and the reference materials to be used for each module are also identified. All instructional materials are included within the digital instruction in a CourXam. No additional textbooks, articles, or other materials are required to learn the material.

Introduction to Criminal Procedure covers the concepts, principles, and processes related to criminal procedure in the American criminal justice system, and addresses constitutional and legal foundations of the criminal justice system, legal and practical perspectives on criminal procedures, and ethical and discretionary concerns relevant for professionals and others interacting with the criminal justice system.

Overview

I: Constitutional and Legal Foundations of the Criminal Justice System (20%)

CO 1: Discuss the constitutional and legal foundations of the criminal justice system.

MO1: Describe the legal and constitutional foundations of the criminal justice system (del Carmen, Ch 1).

MO2: Summarize the criminal justice process (del Carmen, Ch 2).

II. Stops and Arrests (20%)

CO 2: Examine the standards and procedures that apply to stops and arrests.

MO1: Differentiate between a stop and an arrest (del Carmen, Ch 5 & 6).

MO2: Discuss the difference between reasonable suspicion and probable cause (del Carmen, Ch 3).

MO3: Explain the application of the exclusionary rule (del Carmen, Ch 4, 7).

III: Search and Seizure (20%)

CO 3: Examine the standards and procedures that apply to search and seizure.

MO1: Examine the requirements for search and seizure (del Carmen, Ch 5, Ch 7).

MO2: Discuss vehicle searches (del Carmen, Ch 8).

MO3: Summarize special circumstance searches (del Carmen, Ch 9).

IV: Pretrial (15%)

CO 4: Discuss pretrial issues in the criminal justice system.

MO1: Discuss the relevance of the Miranda warning (del Carmen, Ch 11).

MO2: Differentiate the forms of pretrial identifications (del Carmen, Ch 10).

V: Trial and Adjudication (15%)

CO 5: Delineate the trial and adjudication processes.

MO1: Explain the rights of the accused during trial (del Carmen, Ch 12).

MO2: Discuss sentencing procedures (del Carmen, Ch 13).

MO3: Summarize victims' rights. (del Carmen, Ch 13).

VI: Special Issues (10%)

CO 6: Summarize contemporary issues within the criminal justice system.

MO1: Discuss the consequences faced by law enforcement officers for conduct and/or misconduct (del Carmen, Ch 14).

MO2: Discuss electronic surveillance in criminal investigation (del Carmen, Ch 15).

MO3: Summarize legal and constitutional issues in the War on Terror. (del Carmen, Ch 15).

General Information

What is a CourXam?

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Introduction to Criminal Procedure is one of a series of five CourXams that help fulfill the core requirements of the Excelsior College Associate of Science in Criminal Justice.

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REFERENCE MATERIALS

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