

**COURXAM 524:**

# Introduction to Law Enforcement

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# Content Outline & Learning Objectives

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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 Law Enforcement** covers and measures knowledge and understanding of material typically taught in a one-semester, three-credit, lower-level undergraduate introductory course in criminal justice. It covers the concepts, principles, and processes related to law enforcement in the United States, addressing the history and theoretical foundations of law enforcement, goals and functions of contemporary law enforcement, ethical and legal concerns for law enforcement professionals, and current challenges for law enforcement.

# Overview

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## I: Foundations of Law and Law Enforcement (12%)

**CO 1:** Summarize the history and foundations of US law enforcement.

**MO1:** Describe the development of early law enforcement organizations.

**MO2:** Explain how constitutional amendments apply to law enforcement.

**MO3:** Describe the three eras of policing.

**MO4:** Explain the theories of criminology and victimology.

## II. Contemporary Law Enforcement and Policing (20%)

**CO 2:** Describe the goals of law enforcement officers and organizations.

**MO1:** Describe the process of becoming a law enforcement officer.

**MO2:** Discuss the goals of law enforcement.

**MO3:** Discuss the organizational structure of law enforcement.

## III: Roles of Law Enforcement (20%)

**CO 3:** Explain roles and responsibilities in law enforcement.

**MO1:** Describe patrol officer responsibilities.

**MO2:** Examine methods of patrol.

**MO3:** Discuss traffic enforcement.

**MO4:** Summarize specialized roles in policing.

## IV: Law Enforcement Ethics and conduct (18%)

**CO 4:** Discuss constitutional and ethical issues in law enforcement.

**MO1:** Discuss discretion in law enforcement.

**MO2:** Explain legal justifications of law enforcement actions.

**MO3:** Discuss corruption in law enforcement.

## V: Threats to Domestic Security (15%)

**CO 5:** Discuss threats to domestic security.

**MO1:** Discuss the effects of gangs on domestic security.

**MO2:** Discuss the correlation between illicit drugs and crime.

**MO3:** Discuss terrorism as a domestic security threat.

**MO4:** Summarize the responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security..

## VI: Data and Models in Law Enforcement (15%)

**CO 6:** Describe data sources that guide law enforcement models.

**MO1:** Describe sources of crime data.

**MO2:** Describe community policing.

**MO3:** Describe problem-solving policing.

**MO4:** Describe CompStat policing.

**MO5:** Discuss intelligence-led policing.

**MO6:** Describe evidence-based policing.

# General Information

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## What is a CourXam?

A CourXam is a combination of a self-paced, digital college course and a college credit exam. Excelsior College has been providing credit-by-exam opportunities to learners interested in affordable, flexible pathways to degrees since its inception as Regents College back in 1971. What's new with CourXams is that instead of leaving the learner to purchase the textbook and study on their own, Excelsior College has partnered with Cengage, an education and technology company, which developed the digital instructional materials to teach and guide the self-directed learner through the learning materials in order to help them learn and master what they need to know to pass the college credit examination and earn 3 credits toward a degree at Excelsior College.

Each CourXam was developed based on a market-leading Cengage textbook used by hundreds of U.S. colleges for teaching the subject area. These textbooks were then developed into rich digital instructional materials by instructional design experts from Cengage Learning, to meet the learning objectives identified by teaching experts from Excelsior College as well as from other regionally accredited institutions. The proof of progress toward, and ultimate achievement of, those learning objectives is measured by assessments expertly designed by the Center for Educational Measurement at Excelsior College in concert with dozens of subject matter experts from colleges around the country.

## Uses for Excelsior College Degrees and for College Credit

Excelsior College will grant three (3) semester hours of lower-level undergraduate credit to students who receive a grade of C or better on the college credit exam.

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

Other colleges and universities may also recognize this exam as a basis for granting credit or advanced standing. Individual institutions set their own policies for the amount of credit awarded and the minimum acceptable score. If you seek to transfer credit to another institution, confirm credit acceptance at that institution prior to purchase.

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