

**Saint Leo University**  
**CRM 422**  
**Law Enforcement Systems**

**Course Description:**

This course provides a comprehensive examination of U.S. law enforcement systems at the federal, state, and local levels. The student should gain an understanding of patrol strategies, field training, detective operations, case screening, crime laboratory, police corruption, use of force, due process issues, community relations, law enforcement information systems, professionalism, job stress, and innovations in policing.

**Prerequisite:**

POL 123 and CRM 220

**Textbooks:**

Walker, S., & Katz, C. M. (2013). *The police in America: An introduction*. (8th ed.). New York, NY: McGraw-Hill Company. ISBN-13: 978-0-07-802654-6

**Learning Outcomes:**

1. Discuss the need for the Saint Leo University core value of *Excellence* in American law enforcement systems.
2. Discuss the history and current status of American law enforcement systems at the federal, state, and local levels.
3. Analyze various law enforcement agencies by organization, size, mission, and cost.
4. Define private security forces in America, including their historical and future roles.
5. Analyze law enforcement agencies at various levels to find ways to cooperate and consolidate.
6. List the requirements for becoming a law enforcement officer at local, state, and federal levels.
7. Identify career paths available in law enforcement.

**Core Value:**

*Responsible Stewardship:* Our Creator blesses us with an abundance of resources. We foster a spirit of service to employ our resources to university and community development. We must be resourceful. We must optimize and apply all of the resources of our community to fulfill Saint Leo University's mission and goals.

*Excellence:* Saint Leo University is an educational enterprise. All of us, individually and collectively, work hard to ensure that our students develop the character, learn the skills, and assimilate the knowledge essential to become morally responsible leaders. The success of our University depends upon a conscientious commitment to our mission, vision, and goals.

**Evaluation:**

Assignment	Points	Weight
Discussion Questions	400	15%
Case Studies (4 @ 5% each)	400	20%
Midterm Exam	100	20%
Final Exam	100	20%
Research Paper	100	25%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1100</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Grade    Score (%)**

A	94-100
A-	90-93
B+	87-89
B	84-86
B-	80-83
C+	77-79
C	74-76
C-	70-73
D+	67-69
D	60-66
F	0-59

**Discussion Questions**

Each student is required to respond to the discussion question posted on the Discussion Board for each module. Your initial response must reference at least one of the Saint Leo University core values, with an explanation as to why/how it applies to the discussion topic.

Post your initial response to the discussion question **no later than Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT** of each module.

Post responses to at least two classmates **no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT** of each module.

**Case Studies**

You will complete a total of four (4) Case Studies. Case Study assignment details are on the module content page for each module in which a Case Study is due. Utilizing APA format, write a two page paper pertaining to your analysis of this issue.

The Case Studies will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. **Thoroughness:** Extensively develop the issue presented in the Case Study. Show depth and understanding of the subject, and apply it to current local agency practices. The paper must clearly identify its focus and logically analyze and discuss the topic.
2. **Scholarly quality:** The assignment must meet acceptable college level standards with respect to form and substance. Present the ideas in a clear, concise manner. The paper is in correct format with little to no typographical, spelling, or grammatical errors. (Note: Each error deducts points off the grade.)

Submit each Case Study to the assigned Assignment box **no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT in Modules 2, 3, 5, and 6.** (These Assignment box may be linked to Turnitin.)

**Research Paper**

Select a topic and develop a research paper relating to one of the law enforcement systems operating in the United States of America. In the Research Paper, make a connection between the selected topic and the core value of responsible stewardship. In addition, describe the characteristics/behaviors, past/historical information, and present/future needs.

The Research Paper must include at least 5 scholarly resources, and APA formatting is required with use of the latest APA Manual. Additionally, the paper must be between 1,200 and 1,500 words, not including title page, and references.

Submit the Research Paper Topic to the Assignment box **no later than 11:59 PM EST/EDT of Module 2.**

Submit the Research Paper to the Assignment box **no later than 11:59 PM EST/EDT of Module 7.** (This Assignment box may be linked to Turnitin.)

**Exams**

There are a total of two exams: Midterm (Module 4) and Final (Module 8). You will have 2 hours to complete each exam, both of which consist of multiple-choice and essay questions. Exams must be completed **no later than Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT** of the respective module.

## Course Schedule:

### Module 1 Foundations of Law Enforcement Systems

#### Objectives

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Identify what a law enforcement agency is and how it operates.
- Define a police officer.
- Explain how the police and society work together.
- Recount the history of the United States police.

#### Assignments

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Post an introduction to the class	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Read Chapters 1 and 2	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

### Module 2 Contemporary Law Enforcement and Organizations

#### Objectives

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Define what comprises a contemporary law enforcement industry.
- Identify all the levels of policing.
- Examine how police departments function as organizations.
- Explain the changes in police organizations.
- Identify a police organization and its environment.

#### Assignments

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 3 and 4	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Case Study 1	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit the Research Paper Topic	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

### Module 3

### Officers and Organizations

#### Objectives

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Explain the recruitment and selection process of police officers.
- Discuss all aspects of training a new police officer.
- Detail the job of a police officer.
- Relate the rank-and-file system to a police organization.
- Compare and contrast the styles of police work.
- Describe the effects of job satisfaction and job stress among police officers.

#### Assignments

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 5 and 6	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Case Study 2	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

### Module 4

### Police Work

#### Objectives

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Identify the functions, styles, and effectiveness of police patrol.
- Define and explain the models of the police role.
- Define domestic dispute, domestic disturbance, and domestic violence.
- Compare and contrast the styles of policing regarding the types of individuals.
- Detail the investigative process.
- Compare and contrast the styles of policing regarding the types of crimes.

#### Assignments

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 7 and 8	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete the Midterm Exam	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

**Module 5****Police Work, cont'd****Objectives**

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Understand the investigative process.
- Analyze the value of eyewitness identification, criminalistics, and DNA in investigations.
- Discuss special investigative techniques.
- Identify and define community policing.
- Identify and define problem-orientated policing.
- Identify and define zero-tolerance policing.

**Assignments**

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 9 and 10	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Case Study 3	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

**Module 6****Issues in Policing****Objectives**

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Identify the underlying aspects of police discretion.
- Analyze the need to control police discretion.
- Identify and define police-community relations.
- Analyze the public attitude towards police.
- Compare and contrast discrimination and disparity.
- Define race and ethnicity.
- Examine the levels of police protection.

**Assignments**

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 11 and 12	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit Case Study 4	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

**Module 7****Issues in Policing, cont'd****Objectives**

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Identify the types, levels, and theories of police corruption.
- Summarize internal and external corruption control strategies.
- Define accountability in terms of policing.
- Compare and contrast what the police do and how they do it.
- Examine Internal Affairs Units and Early Intervention Systems.
- Compare and contrast methods of citizen oversight of police.

**Assignments**

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapters 13 and 14	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Submit the Research Paper	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT

**Module 8****Challenges for a New Century****Objectives**

When you complete this module, you should be able to:

- Compare and contrast ideas on the future of policing.
- Identify the different types of crime analysis.
- Compare and contrast current and cutting edge applications in law enforcement.

**Assignments**

Items to be Completed:	Due No Later Than:
Read Chapter 15	
View the Audio Visual Presentation (AVP)	
Post an initial response to the discussion question	Thursday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Post responses to at least two classmates	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT
Complete the Final Exam	Sunday 11:59 PM EST/EDT