

Statewide Dual Credit Learning Objective	
Criminal Justice	
Topic 1: Criminal Justice System Overview	
OVERVIEW	
1a	Understand the goals of the criminal justice system.
ROLES, OBJECTIVES, & LIMITS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
1b	Describe the role of each of the three branches of government in shaping the criminal justice system
MEASURING CRIME	
1c	Name and describe the three major national crime data-gathering programs in the United States today
1d	Describe the FBI's Crime Index, and list the Index Crimes
1e	Define the hierarchy rule and explain how it impacts crime reporting
1f	Compare and contrast the purpose and data collection methods of the NIBRS with the NCVS
THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROCESS	
1g	Explain how the criminal justice process can be compared to a "funnel"
DUAL FEDERALISM	
1h	Explain Packer's crime control model and due process model, giving examples of policies that would fit each
THE SUPREME COURT	
1i	Describe the composition of the Supreme Court
THE CIVIL RIGHTS REVOLUTION	
1j	Explain the meaning of due process of law, and identify where due process guarantees can be found in American law
1k	Define the Civil Rights Revolution and provide examples of case law that altered criminal justice procedure
1l	Discuss the Civil Rights Act of 1964
1m	Discuss how the historical oppression of people on the basis of race, impacts the criminal justice system in America.
JUVENILE - CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM OVERVIEW	
1n	Describe what is an infancy defense
1o	Describe the development of juvenile delinquency court movement
Topic 2: Corrections	
2a	Discuss the history of community corrections
2b	Discuss the history of corrections
2c	Explain the purposes of jails and understand the characteristic makeup of jail populations
2d	Explain the purpose of prisons and understand the characteristic makeup of their populations
2e	Define the difference between federal and state prisons
2f	Discuss prison population overcrowding
2g	Explain deterrence, retribution, and incapacitation
2h	Describe the reformatory movement, rehabilitation model, and crime control model of prison policies
2i	Compare and contrast parole and probation and intermediate sanctions
2j	Describe the laws that influence the use of the death penalty in American criminal justice
2k	Discuss the rights of incarcerated people
SENTENCING	
2l	Describe the differences between determinate and indeterminate sentencing
2m	Discuss mandatory sentencing laws and federal sentencing guidelines

2n	Describe the content and function of a presentence investigation report
JUVENILE - CORRECTIONS	
2o	List and describe the various types of facilities that detain juveniles
2p	Trace the development of the juvenile justice system within the United States
2q	Discuss In re Gault and its importance concerning juvenile constitutional rights
Topic 3: Courts and Law	
3a	Describe the dual court system of the United States
3b	Explain the role of federal courts
3c	Explain the "wedding cake" model as it pertains to the US criminal justice system
3d	Explain the role of local governments in the criminal justice system
3e	Describe the development of the common law and how it came to the United States
3f	Describe the doctrine of stare decisis and its impact on the American legal system
3g	Identify the various sources of law in America, and describe the nature of each
3h	Compare and contrast civil law with criminal law
3i	Define the 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, and 8th Amendments and provide examples of how they protect citizens
ELEMENTS OF CRIME	
3j	Describe the <i>actus reus</i> and <i>mens rea</i> element of crimes
3k	Define and explain the elements of a crime (criminal act, criminal intent, concurrence, and harm/causation)
LEGAL DEFENSES	
3l	Compare and contrast the two major categories of legal defenses
3m	List and define excuse defenses (insanity, diminished capacity, duress, mistake, infancy, and entrapment)
PROSECUTION AND DEFENSE	
3n	Describe the role of the defense attorney in a criminal trial
3o	Describe the role of the prosecutor in a criminal trial in the United States
PRETRIAL PROCESS	
3p	Explain the steps of the pretrial process
3q	Discuss the process of plea bargaining
3r	Describe the jury selection process
THE CRIMINAL TRIAL	
3s	Describe the stages of a criminal trial
JUVENILE - COURTS AND LAW	
3t	Identify what classifies a juvenile as dependent and/or neglected
3u	Discuss the concept of juvenile delinquency and status offenses
3v	Discuss the development of the juvenile justice system in the United States
3w	List and describe the steps typically taken in processing a case through juvenile court
3x	Explain the general procedures for arrest, intake, pretrial diversion, and transfer to adult court
3y	Compare and contrast the role of juvenile court judges with trial judges in the adult criminal justice system
Topic 4: Law Enforcement	
4a	Discuss the colonial and modern history of policing
4b	Discuss when police officers may conduct a search without a warrant
4c	Discuss the differences among local, county, state, and federal law enforcement
4d	Explain the roles of the patrol and investigative functions
4e	Define and explain the concept of community, problem-oriented, and intelligence-led policing
4f	Identify the factors that influence police discretion
4g	Explain what is meant by probable cause
4h	Discuss the Kansas City experiment

4i	Discuss the issue of racial profiling, brutality, and corruption in law enforcement
4j	Explain the difference between deadly and nondeadly force
JUVENILE - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
4k	Describe specialized units within law enforcement agencies that work with juveniles
4l	Identify programs of intervention and prevention of juvenile delinquency