

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

*Semester, Every day*

Utah CTE Pathway: Protective Services



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**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:** The Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students for an exciting career in the field of law or law enforcement. Students will learn about many diverse job opportunities that are available such as patrol officer, SWAT team member, detective, K9 officer, FBI, Secret Service and ATF (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives). Students will have the opportunity to meet professionals in the field and participate in simulated scenarios, demonstrations and tour pertinent law enforcement sites.



**High School Credit:** CTE credit or elective credit: up to 2 credits total  
**Concurrent Enrollment:** 12 college credits. Student is responsible to register and pay for concurrent enrollment classes at SLCC. For more information on these classes, see Appendix.  
**Skills Certification:** Utah State Skill Certification Test(s)  
**Additional Opportunities:** SkillsUSA membership

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS:

**CJ 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice:** Exposes students to theories, concepts, and methods used to facilitate understanding, predicating and responding to issues of deviance and crime in America. This course also includes development and evolution of components of the American Criminal Justice System, including the history of racial, ethnic and gender discrimination on charging, conviction, incarceration and employment.

**CJ 1300 Introduction to Corrections:** Introduces the corrections system. Includes origin and evolution, philosophies of corrections, perspectives on sentencing, and alternatives to incarceration. Includes community corrections, probation and parole, offender rights and legal issues; adult, juvenile, and special needs offenders; corrections specialists, staff and administration as a profession and special challenges for the future.

**CJ 1330 Criminal Law:** Students will gain an understanding of criminal law and punishments, the constitution, individual rights and general principles of criminal liability. They will also learn about crimes against persons and crimes against property. The students will also participate in various debates involving our current laws and regulations.

**CJ 2540 Careers in Law Enforcement:** The students will become familiar with the various careers in law enforcement. They will learn the steps involved to become a police officer or a federal officer. They will participate in an oral board interview and the police physical fitness test. They will be given instruction on officer safety issues and will also learn how to build a professional resume.

**Costs/Fees for the 2026-2027 school year:** Pending school board approval.

## Career Possibilities:

Police Officer  
Probation and Parole Officer  
Corrections Officer  
Military Police Officer

Private Security  
Criminal Investigators and Special Agents  
Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Teachers



*"This class expands your knowledge on Law Enforcement and many things you didn't know before. I highly recommend this class to anyone who's looking into law enforcement as a career. It provides a challenge for anyone who's up for it". Nazhelly*

*"This class has taught me much more about law enforcement. It makes you respect the job and gives you a better feel for law enforcement". Jason*

*"This is a very interesting and fun class! I've learned a lot and it's been fun". Maddie*

*"This class has been a truly amazing experience and opportunity and I love every minute of it". Dallas*

*"I would highly recommend this class to anyone who wants to experience a challenging and fun class!" Ethan*

*"This class is great"! Carson*

