

Criminal Justice—Law Enforcement

Program Number: 10-504-1

Associate in Applied Science Degree

Protective Services Program Cluster

Center for Human and Protective Services

Program offered at the West Campus

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About the Program

Providing the academic and professional training necessary to become a law enforcement officer, the Criminal Justice— Law Enforcement program provides necessary skills in behavioral sciences and written and verbal communication. Police officer efficiency and effectiveness increases with a better understanding of the daily problems of society and knowledge of law enforcement techniques.

Graduates seeking employment will be required to pass a physical exam and meet physical fitness standards; have possession of a valid driver's license and a good driving record; and have no conviction of a felony offense. Positions require a background investigation, psychological testing and mandatory drug testing. An applicant for employment as a law enforcement officer must possess either 1) a two-year associate degree from a Wisconsin technical college or its accredited equivalent from another state or 2) a minimum of 60 fully accredited college-level credits.

Unique Requirements for Admission

High school diploma, HSED or GED with a minimum grade point average of 2.0 or equivalent, or satisfactory completion of 12 college credits. Students should also have basic computer skills.

Unique Requirements for Graduation

Students must achieve at least a 2.0 (C) grade in all program core courses and an overall 2.0 (C) grade point average.

Criminal Justice Course Prerequisites

Students enrolling in the courses identified within this program must meet the following requirements: High school diploma or GED/HSED with a grade point average of 2.0 or equivalent.

Curriculum

The courses listed below outline the requirements for graduation for students entering this program in the 2011-2012 academic year. Requirements for graduation may vary depending on the semester in which a student is admitted to their program. Current/continuing students should consult their degree progress report available through their student center account (myMadisonCollege) for specific graduation requirements. Program requirements are subject to change.

FIRST YEAR		Hrs/week	
First Semester		Credits	Lec-Lab
10-504-170	Introduction to Corrections Δ.....	3	3-0
10-504-900	Introduction to Criminal JusticeΔ.....	3	3-0
10-801-195	Written Communication OR.....	3	3-0
20-801-201	English 1*.....	(3)	(3-0)
10-804-107	College Math OR.....	3	4-0
20-804-201	Intermediate Algebra*.....	(3)	(3-0)
10-809-199	Psychology of Human Relations OR.....	3	3-0
20-809-231	Intro to Psychology*.....	(3)	(3-0)
10-890-100	College Student Success OR.....	1	1-0
20-890-200	College Success*.....	(1)	(1-0)
Semester Total		16	

Second Semester		Credits	Lec-Lab
10-504-171	Private Sector SecurityΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-902	Criminal LawΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-904	Juvenile LawΔ.....	3	3-0
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal CommunicationΔ OR.....	3	3-0
20-801-202	English 2*.....	(3)	(3-0)
10-809-122	Intro to American Government OR.....	3	3-0
10-809-195	Economics OR.....	(3)	(3-0)
20-809-221	American National Government*.....	(3)	(3-0)
10-809-197	Contemporary American Society OR.....	3	3-0
20-809-203	Intro to Sociology.....	(3)	(3-0)
Semester Total		18	

SECOND YEAR

First Semester		Credits	Lec-Lab
10-504-103	Professional Development Seminar for Criminal JusticeΔ.....	1	1-0
10-504-901	Constitutional LawΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-905	Report WritingΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-906	Criminal InvestigationΔ.....	3	2-2
10-504-908	Traffic TheoryΔ.....	3	3-0
10-531-150	Emergency Response for Protective ServicesΔ.....	2	1-1
Elective.....		3	E
Semester Total		18	

Second Semester		Credits	Lec-Lab
10-504-143	Criminology for Law EnforcementΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-152	Emergency ManagementΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-903	Professional CommunicationsΔ.....	3	3-0
10-504-907	Community Policing StrategiesΔ.....	3	3-0
10-809-172	Race, Ethnic and Diversity Studies OR.....	3	3-0
20-809-217	Race, Class, Gender*.....	(3)	(3-0)
Elective.....		3	E
Semester Total		18	

*College transfer equivalent courses.

ΔPrerequisites required. Consult department office.

Note: Students are placed in English or mathematics courses based on their scores on the COMPASS test or on completion of the appropriate prerequisites.



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Program Courses

10-504-103 Professional Development Seminar for Criminal Justice 1 credit

This course is designed for second year students who are preparing to enter into the job search process. Prepares the student for the hiring process for a Criminal Justice career including applications, resumes, interviews and hiring process standards. Also incorporates the B.E.S.T. (Basic Employability Skills Training) curriculum developed by the Manhattan Area Technical College and the Kansas Department of Commerce. Prerequisite: completion of first-year courses.

10-504-143 Criminology for Law Enforcement 3 credits

Exposes criminal justice students to these questions: what is crime and why is it a problem? Focusing on those questions, the course will look at what is known about crime and how it is known. Also touches on crimes, criminals and theories, while focusing on the police in the criminal justice system. Prerequisite: completion of first-year courses.

10-504-152 Emergency Management 3 credits

Introduces the student to the principles, theories, and practices of emergency management. The philosophy of comprehensive Emergency Management will be discussed including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. In addition, students will obtain ICS-100 and FEMA IS-700 certification. Prerequisite: completion of first-year courses.

10-504-170 Introduction to Corrections 3 credits

Examines the concept of punishment and its form, functions, and enforcement throughout history, with an emphasis on the operation, structure, clientele, and issues confronting the institutions, agencies, and programs encompassing the corrections system including jails, prisons, and probation and parole. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice course prerequisites.

10-504-171 Private Sector Security 3 credits

This course is a comprehensive examination of the relationship of the criminal justice system to business and industrial security. It also provides an overview of the administrative, personnel, and physical aspects of the private security field. Prerequisites: 10-504-900 and 10-504-170.

10-504-900 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 credits

Explore the role law enforcement officers play in a democracy and apply this knowledge in classroom exercises, including role-plays and other scenario-based training. Belief systems, social pressures, moral problems, decision making and the consequences of decisions are discussed. Identify the resources available in communities to assist law enforcement officers. Discuss issues involved in policing in a diverse society and identify strategies for working effectively with a diverse community. Prerequisite: Criminal Justice course prerequisites.

10-504-901 Constitutional Law 3 credits

Introduces the student to the legal process, procedure and forum in which guilt or innocence is determined. Explores the history and development of criminal evidence law and the necessity for having legal evidence. Prerequisite: 10-504-902.

10-504-902 Criminal Law 3 credits

Provides an in-depth view of criminal law. Familiarizes students with the basic criminal justice process and procedures. Analyzes the substantive criminal law, its scope and definition, classification and the elements constituting the more common crimes. Prerequisites: 10-504-900 and 10-504-170.

10-504-903 Professional Communications 3 credits

This course familiarizes the student with the tactical skills utilized by Criminal Justice Professionals to handle situations without physical force. It explores dialog skills, and strategies for overcoming barriers through effective problem solving. The course familiarizes students with interpersonal techniques for various professional contacts, conflict resolution and court proceedings. Prerequisite: 10-504-901.

10-504-904 Juvenile Law 3 credits

Study of juvenile justice system which emphasizes factors and causes that explain delinquent behavior and the juvenile as a victim of child abuse and neglect. The course examines the philosophy and workings of the juvenile court and Wisconsin's Children's (Chapter 48) and Juvenile Codes (Chapter 938) beginning with the police and ending with the disposition of a child in need of protective services (C.H.I.P.S.) or a delinquent juvenile. Also examines sensitive crimes (Chapter 948). Prerequisites: 10-504-900 and 10-504-170.

10-504-905 Report Writing 3 credits

In this course, students will learn how to write a wide variety of law enforcement reports to accurately and fairly convey necessary information for use by investigators, prosecutors and the public. Understanding who will be using these reports and the multitude of audiences and reason they will be using the law enforcement report is an essential skill. Essential to all law enforcement personnel is to take effective field notes and translate pertinent information from these notes into official detailed police reports. Prerequisites: 10-504-902, 10-801-195 and 10-801-196.

10-504-906 Criminal Investigation 3 credits

In this course, students learn how to recognize, process and preserve physical evidence. Students learn of law enforcement's response to a victim of crime including the dynamics of victimization and victim's rights, and integrate professional communication with law enforcement's responsibilities to victims. Students also learn the statutory elements of each of the sensitive crimes and the dynamics, impacts and investigative strategies unique to them. Prerequisites: 10-504-902 and 10-504-121.

10-504-907 Community Policing Strategies 3 credits

Identifies principles, techniques and behaviors that promote community service and effective interaction with a multi-cultural, multiethnic society. Also identifies principles and techniques of decision making and problem-oriented policing. Explores the principles and techniques of crime prevention. Prerequisite: completion of first-year courses.

10-504-908 Traffic Theory 3 credits

Students learn knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary for effective traffic law enforcement and accident investigation. Student learning goals will include demonstrating knowledge of goals, methods and statutes pertaining to traffic law enforcement; preparing and issuing traffic law citations, ranging from verbal warning to arrest; demonstrating correct procedures for investigating the offense of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances; demonstrating knowledge of traffic control techniques, day and night; and demonstrating knowledge of principles and methods of traffic accident investigation. Prerequisites: 10-504-902 and 10-504-121.

Recommended Elective

10-504-145 Investigative Photography 3 credits

6 elective credits are required for the program and can be any six associate degree or college transfer credits of your choice.

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Career Potential:

- Law Enforcement Officers
In city, county, state and federal law enforcement departments.
- Private Security Officers
- Investigators
- Correctional Officers
- Juvenile Detention Workers
- 911 Dispatcher
- Court Clerk
- Border Patrol

With additional education and/or work experience, graduates may find employment as:

- Detectives
- Sergeants
- Lieutenants
- Captains
- Chiefs
- Probation and Parole Officers
- Federal Air Marshall
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Department of Homeland Security

More detailed and updated information on this program may be available at: madisoncollege.org. The college reserves the right to make changes in the regulations and courses announced in this publication without notice.

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