

Criminal Justice— Law Enforcement Academy

Program Number: 30-504-1

Less-Than-One-Year Diploma

Protective Services Program Cluster

School of Human and Protective Services

Program offered at West Campus until December 2012

Program offered at Truax Campus beginning January 2013

For information call: (608) 246-5297 or
(800) 322-6282 Ext. 5297

About the Program

The Law Enforcement Academy prepares candidates for entry-level positions as law enforcement officers at the municipal, county and state level. This program is limited to sworn law enforcement officers assigned by their department with the approval of the Wisconsin Department of Justice. Exceptions to this are granted on a space available basis to candidates who complete the process identified below. Admission is restricted to those who qualify under the Administrative Code of the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board.

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

Students seeking admission to the Law Enforcement Academy must possess either 1) a two-year associate degree from a Wisconsin technical college with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher or its accredited equivalent from another state or

- 2) a minimum of 60 fully accredited college-level credits with a grade point average of 2.0 or higher.

Students applying must provide proof of a valid driver's license with a good driving record and a Crime Information Bureau Identification Records Request. Students must also pass an interview with a score of 76% or higher. Students accepted into the Law Enforcement Academy must obtain a medical/physical examination, drug test, and submit the Physician's Medical Screening Advisory Report for Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training.

For specific information and application materials, applicants should call 246-5297.

Certification Requirements

Completion of the basic course does not equal certification. Certification is granted by the Law Enforcement Standards Board (LESB) only upon employment as a law enforcement officer and after meeting all employment and training standards required by the LESB.

Curriculum

The courses listed below outline the requirements for graduation for students entering this program in the 2012-2013 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 for specific graduation requirements. Program requirements are subject to change.

Course	Credits
30-504-301 Policing in America	1
30-504-302 The Legal Context	2
30-504-303 Tactical Skills	3
30-504-304 Relational Skills	3
30-504-305 Patrol Procedures	4
30-504-306 Investigations	2
30-531-317 <u>Emergency Response for Protective Services</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	16

Note: A copy of the essential functions necessary to successfully complete the program of study is available upon request from the department office.



Program Courses

30-504-301 Policing in America 1 credit

Learn the rules and procedures of the academy and how the various elements of the criminal justice system relate as well as the importance of professionalism. 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. Course covers Wisconsin requirements for written law enforcement agency policies and procedures.

30-504-302 The Legal Context 2 credits

Covers the structure of the criminal justice system, including criminal procedure. Learn the legal bases for law enforcement action such as arrest, use of force and search and seizure, as well as the limits on law enforcement activity. Learn the classifications of crimes and other violations including felonies, misdemeanors, and ordinance violations, and the elements of crimes listed in the criminal code. Laws and procedures that affect juveniles, including those related to taking a juvenile into custody, are discussed.

30-504-303 Tactical Skills 3 credits

Learn the basis for and limits to use of force by Wisconsin officers including specific techniques for intervention covered in the Wisconsin system of Defense and Arrest Tactics. Learn the necessary weapons handling skills and how to care for and maintain duty handguns. Learn to shoot quickly and accurately under a variety of conditions including under low light, while moving and from behind cover. Learn the basics of room clearing, tactical movement, use of cover and concealment, and application to emergency situations.

30-504-304 Relational Skills 3 credits

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. Explore the role of communication in law enforcement and develop and apply specific professional communication skills and strategies in a variety of simulated situations. The course covers principles, guidelines and techniques for proper law enforcement response to persons with possible mental disorders, alcohol or drug problems and/or developmental disabilities and the legal bases, requirements and practical guidelines for conducting emergency detentions and protective placements of persons. The basics of presenting effective court testimony also are discussed. Explore evolving police strategies, activities and attitudes that build effective law enforcement and community relationships, as well as problem-oriented policing strategies.

30-504-305 Patrol Procedures 4 credits

Become familiar with Wisconsin's traffic laws and ordinances, including those related to operator licensing and vehicle registration and equipment. Learn to enforce these laws, complete Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Citations and to direct and control traffic effectively. Material covered includes steps taken as first-in officer to stabilize and manage a complex scene, investigate traffic accidents, take appropriate enforcement actions and prepare accident reports. Learn emergency vehicle operation including basic patrol operation, emergency vehicle response and pursuit driving. Understand the legal bases for making vehicle contacts, how to conduct a threat assessment and how to conduct different types of vehicle contact, including how to administer and interpret the Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Test (OMVWI/SFST).

30-504-306 Investigations 2 credits

Provides techniques and procedures necessary to interview or interrogate adult and juvenile witnesses, suspects and victims. Learn how to recognize, process and preserve physical evidence and how to respond to crime victims. Explore the dynamics of victimization and victim's rights. Learn the statutory elements of each of the sensitive crimes and the dynamics, impacts and investigative strategies unique to these crimes.

30-531-317 Emergency Response for Protective Services 1 credit

Learn how to perform an initial medical assessment for injury or medical condition, how to provide immediate treatment for a variety of injuries and conditions, and how to perform CPR and use an automated emergency defibrillator.

Career Potential:

- Revenue Agent
- Deputy Sheriff
- Police Officer
- Special Agent
- Park Ranger
- Conservation Warden

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

- Detective
- Sergeant
- Lieutenant
- Captain
- Chief

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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