

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

Program Code 105041

Associate Degree - Two Years

Offered at the Green Bay campus. For information: (920) 498-5444.

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Program Description

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement students study the law enforcement field plus physical and behavioral sciences to meet the demands of the police profession, including criminal investigation, traffic law, patrol procedures, and scientific crime laboratory.

Program Outcomes

- Qualify for positions in protective services.
- Write reports.
- Apply courtroom testimony techniques.
- Demonstrate knowledge of laws and principles of arrest, search, and seizure.
- Demonstrate understanding of relevant state statutes.
- Interpret selected theories of criminal behavior.
- Describe the structure and procedures of the court system.
- Describe the structure and procedures of the police organization.
- Describe the structure and procedures of corrections.
- Describe the structure and procedures of the juvenile system.
- Investigate an accident.
- Interview suspects and witnesses.
- Process a crime scene.
- Apply investigative techniques.
- Contrast the various police community relations programs.
- Make appropriate judgements on risk and other factors of police situations.
- Describe various patrol tactics.
- Contrast major social institutions within American society.
- Demonstrate effective communication skills.
- Apply basic math skills.
- Demonstrate basic computer skills.
- Students seeking certification can also: Operate vehicles in emergency situations. Demonstrate arrest, search, and seizure.

Requirements for Program Entry

- Completed application.
- High school transcript or equivalent (such as an HSED or GED® Transcript).
- NWTC Academic Skills Assessment or equivalent (See Academic Skills Assessment section for details and equivalents).
- Good writing and communication skills.
- Strong organizational skills.
- Students should have mastered basic math skills. For a description of basic math, see the Basic Education section of this catalog.

Employment Potential

A graduate of the program will have the potential for employment in the following areas:

Police Officer: performs general traffic and law enforcement duties at the municipal level.

Deputy Sheriff: performs general traffic and law enforcement duties, jailer, and telecommunications responsibilities at the county level.

DNR Officer: enforces fish, game, forest, and environmental laws at the state level.

State Trooper: performs traffic and law enforcement duties at the state level.

Military Law Enforcement Officer: performs criminal investigations, is responsible for traffic assignments, patrol, and general law enforcement duties in any branch of the military service at installations, forts, and bases.

Private Investigator: conducts criminal and non-criminal investigations for private businesses and industry.

Security Guard: patrols and investigates for retail business and private industrial plants.

Correctional Officer: is assigned to security and general duties in a correctional institution.

With additional education and/or work experience, graduates may find other opportunities for employment.

- Police Administrator
- Chief Deputy
- State Agent
- Federal Agent

Notes

- Wisconsin Training and Standards requires a completed criminal background check in order to successfully complete certifiability for training standards. Based upon results of the criminal background check, a student may be denied enrollment in some courses.
- A student must successfully complete 30 credits of core courses within the program, fill out an application, physical, interview and background check before being eligible to take the following certification requirement course: Tactical 1 (10-504-173).
- A student must successfully complete Tactical 1 within the program before being eligible to take the following certification requirement course: Tactical 2 (10-504-174).
- A Department of Justice, Law Enforcement Standards Board directive requires that a successful, negative drug test be completed prior to the first enrollment in any of the series of courses necessary for Law Enforcement Officer Certification. Those courses are: Tactical 1 (10-504-173) and Tactical 2 (10-504-174).

Curriculum

The Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Associate Degree is a two-year, four-semester program. Upon graduation a student will have completed 65 credits.

First Semester

Catalog No.	Description	Credits
10-106-145	Keyboarding	1
10-504-114	Police-Nutrition/Fitness	1
10-504-116	Criminal Justice-Intro	3
10-504-131	Professional Communication	3
10-504-132	Courts/Jurisdiction	3
10-801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
10-809-199	Psychology Of Human Relations	3
Semester Total		17

Second Semester

10-103-121	Micro: Word-Intro	1
10-103-141	Micro: Access-Intro	1
10-504-142	Constitutional Law	3
10-504-144	Community Police Strategies	3
10-801-136	English Composition 1	3
10-801-198	Speech	3
10-804-106	Intro to College Math	3
Semester Total		17

Third Semester

10-504-112	Traffic Theory	3
10-504-118	Protective Services-Tech Repor	3
10-504-120	Criminal Law	3
10-504-140	Criminal Investigation	3
10-809-166	Intro to Ethics: Theory & App	3
Semester Total		15

Fourth Semester

10-504-121	Traffic Application	3
10-504-143	Forensic Application	3
10-504-170	Juvenile Law	3
10-531-101	Emergency Response	1
10-809-172	Race Ethnic & Diversity	3
10-809-197	Contemporary Amer Society	3
Semester Total		16
Total Credits		65

This program is fully eligible for financial aid.

The following courses are needed for Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Certifiability - Advanced Standing Certificate:

10-504-173	Tactical 1
10-504-174	Tactical 2
10-504-182	Police Traffic Radar
10-504-126	SFST/Drugs that Impair Driving
10-504-128	PS-Job Interviews & Resume Writing
10-504-176	Law Enforcement Internship

Please Note

- Some courses have prerequisites (listed at the end of each course description, if applicable) that need to be taken prior to enrolling in those courses.
- Many courses are offered via our Flexible Learning Options (online, accelerated, ITV, video, weekend, and self-paced) and may be taken in any order as long as prerequisites are met. To find out which program courses are offered through Flexible Learning Options, go to www.nwtc.edu or consult a counselor, (920) 498-5444.
- Descriptions of courses not found on this page can be found in the back of this catalog.

Course Descriptions

These courses provide an opportunity for students to develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding required for employment in this field.

10-103-121 MICRO: WORD-INTRODUCTION

...word processing basics including creating, revising, formatting, and printing; sections, tabs, multiple-page numbering; manipulating text; creating headers/footers; creating and formatting tables, graphics, creating charts; applying styles; and merging documents. Requires Windows experience.

10-103-141 MICRO: ACCESS-INTRODUCTION

...creating and modifying database tables, compacting a database, managing records, defining table relationships, creating queries, calculations, and aggregate functions, sorting, and using form and report wizards. Requires Windows experience.

10-106-145 KEYBOARDING ...keyboarding at a personal productivity level, correct posture, touch typing on the alpha-numeric keyboard using an interactive software package running on a microcomputer. No experience required.

10-504-112 TRAFFIC THEORY ...types of patrol and philosophy, concepts, and functions; types of calls and procedures; information gathering and reporting; patrol responsibility at crime scenes; courtroom procedures; and community relations.

10-504-114 POLICE-NUTRITION/FITNESS ...the course will provide an introduction to nutrition and eating correctly for maximum value. Also, an introduction to fitness for a criminal justice professional.

10-504-116 CRIMINAL JUSTICE-INTRODUCTION ...criminal justice, crime picture, criminal law, theories of crime, history of policing, police management, legal aspects, courts, corrections, correction facilities.

10-504-118 PROTECTIVE SERVICES-TECHNICAL REPORTING ...rationale and methods of law enforcement reporting, principles of effective report writing, organizing reports, writing operational law enforcement reports based on case studies. (Prerequisite: 10-801-136 English Comp 1 or 10-801-175 English Comp 1)

10-504-120 CRIMINAL LAW ...criminal law characteristics; terminology, history, principles, and philosophy of criminal law; use of the Wisconsin Statute Book; and examination of selected criminal offenses and identifying elements.

10-504-121 TRAFFIC APPLICATION

...fundamentals of evaluating the traffic law; process of issuing traffic citations and investigating and completing traffic accident reports; the process for safe traffic stops: low and high risk.

10-504-131 PROFESSIONAL COMMUNICATION

...process of criminal justice interviewing using basic skills model; use of nonverbal and verbal communication; security admissible confessions that preserve individual's constitutional rights; ethics in criminal justice interviewing.

10-504-132 COURTS/JURISDICTIONS

...development of the American judicial system, the Federal and Wisconsin court structure, Wisconsin judicial rules and procedures from complaint to sentencing as they impact police or correctional officers.

10-504-140 CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION ...principles of criminal investigation; focus on techniques of an investigation from the preliminary investigation interview, evidence procedures, and specific crime investigation.

10-504-142 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW ...arrest and search and seizure of persons, places, and things with or without warrant; cause and procedure to obtain and execute warrants; exclusionary rule and effects of illegal actions.

10-504-143 FORENSIC APPLICATION ...processing of crime scenes and use of forensic science in criminal investigations; emphasis on collection, preservation, and court presentation of fingerprint, firearm, impression, trace, body fluid, and document evidence.

10-504-144 COMMUNITY POLICE STRATEGIES ...history of community policing, community, police, problem-solving policing, interpersonal skills, diversity, citizens with disabilities, elderly, youth, gangs, victims/witnesses, media, and community police programs.

10-504-170 JUVENILE LAW ...as it relates to the field officer and the application of the law as it relates to juveniles in these situations.

10-531-101 EMERGENCY RESPONSE ...legal/ethical issues, initial medical assessment, immediate treatment for a variety of injuries and medical conditions, CPR, defibrillation and response to hazardous materials.