

POLICE SCIENCE, Associate in Applied Science Degree - 6806

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 43.0107

The Police Science AAS degree provides students with the opportunity to obtain practical experience in the HACC Criminalistics Laboratory, one of the best-equipped crime laboratories in Pennsylvania. Students receive hands-on training in bloodstain pattern analysis, firearms examination, shooting reconstruction, police photography, crime scene processing, fingerprint analysis, polygraph, forensic pathology, and microscopy. This program may require the student to submit to an Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Check prior to enrollment, prior to the start of a field experience, prior to testing and/or obtaining employment. The student should consider this factor before enrolling in this program. If the student has any questions regarding this, he or she should contact the department chair. Students may complete 75% of this program at the Harrisburg Campus through on-campus/in-person instruction. The remaining coursework must be completed through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction). Also, this program may be completed at the Lancaster and York campuses through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to the on-campus/in-person instruction.

Career Opportunities

Graduates are employed locally and nationally as municipal or state police officers, agents for specialized law-enforcement agencies, private investigators, private security supervisors, and evidence technicians.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Discuss the history, philosophy, and organization of law enforcement and criminal justice systems
- Apply principles of police management and operations
- Demonstrate the proper methods of collection, documentation and preservation of evidence
- Identify the technologies commonly operated by police agencies
- Practice the management and techniques of patrol operations
- Distinguish between the various theories that identify the causes of criminal behavior
- Explain the history, theory, and application of criminal law

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses	
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	Criminal Justice Electives	6
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	CJ 104 Police Operations	3		
ENGL 104 Technical Writing (or)	(3)	CJ 108 Criminology	3		
ENGL 106 Business Writing	(3)	CJ 109 Instrumentation and Technologies	3		
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	CJ 201 Criminal Investigation	3		
Humanities & Arts Core Elective	3	CJ 203 Criminal Evidence	3		
Mathematics or Science Core Elective	3	CJ 206 Criminalistics	4		
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	CJ 208 Intermediate Criminalistics	4		
First-Year-Seminar Elective	1	CJ 211 Juvenile Justice	3		
Wellness Elective	1	CJ 212 Criminal Law and Procedure	3		
	20	CJ 240 Ethics and Diverse Cultures	3		
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RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
COMM 101	3	CJ 104	3	CJ 109	3	CJ 208	4
CJ 101	3	CJ 201	3	CJ 206	4	CJ 240	3
CJ 108	3	CJ 203	3	CJ 211	3	Criminal Justice Electives	6
CJ 212	3	ENGL 102 or 104 or 106	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective	3	Math/Science Core Elective	3
ENGL 101	3	Wellness Elective	1	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3		
FYS Elective	1						