

LAW ENFORCEMENT

(CIP 43.0107)

Associate of Applied Science

The program in Law Enforcement is designed to prepare the student for the state licensing exam for peace officers and immediate employment in law enforcement.

College Readiness Courses (if needed)

Semester I

CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law
ENGL 1301	Composition I
COSC 1301	Introduction to Computing

Semester II

CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices
CRIJ 2301	Community Resources in Corrections
Math Elective from the AAS General Education Course List	

Semester III

CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices
Humanities/Fine Arts from the AAS General Education Course List	
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America or Social/Behavioral Sciences from the AAS General Education Course List

Semester IV

CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III (Capstone Course)
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV
CJLE 1429	Basic Peace Officer V

Total Semester Hours – 60

WORK/LIFE EXPERIENCE POLICY

The Criminal Justice program has developed the following mechanism to assist those persons employed in the criminal justice field to satisfy degree requirements for their work/life experience and in-service training.

Students who wish to obtain an Associate of Applied Science degree from the college in Law Enforcement and are certified peace officers in the state of Texas, may satisfy degree requirements for Basic Peace Officer courses by meeting the following criteria and paying \$32.00 per credit hour. Students must have taken and successfully completed 15 college credit hours from WCJC, including only courses for which the student receives college credit transferable to another Texas community college or university, prior to receiving credit for the Peace Officer courses. Criminal Justice Department Head approval is required for permission to satisfy degree requirements in this manner. A Petition for Credit form must be completed by the applicant and approved by the Program Director, appropriate Dean, Registrar, and Vice President of Instruction before credit is granted.

The prerequisites for work/life and in-service training credit are as follows:

1. The applicant must be currently employed with a criminal justice agency and have at least two years experience;
2. The applicant must submit a resume which includes the experience required in item 1 above and all supporting documentation to the Department Head for evaluation, as well as a copy of officer's complete TCOLE record including documentation (if the officer's Police Academy training did not include Basic Peace Officer V) that officer has completed 16 hours of ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training);
3. The applicant must secure a letter of verification from the chief administrator of the employing agency attesting to the information contained in the applicant's resume and supporting documentation, regarding the prerequisites and criteria required by this policy; and
4. The applicant must pay all fees required by the College.

Credit for the following courses may be awarded by resume under the work/life experience policy:

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These classes are courses required for graduation with an Associate of Applied Science degree from WCJC.

