

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Science Major

ARTS & SCIENCES AND BUSINESS DIVISION

Program of Study

The Police Science program is a two year associate's degree which includes the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy. Students who complete the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission (OPOTC) educational and legal requirements are eligible to sit for the state certification exam.

The career of police professionals has changed dramatically in recent years, and society is expecting better educated officers. In many local areas, minimum requirements for entry-level police professional positions include associate, degrees; high-level state and federal position require baccalaureate or even law degrees.

The faculty has identified the following Learning Outcomes for all graduates:

- Demonstrate psychomotor skills.
- Demonstrate the skills of using a computer when writing a report.
- Demonstrate the ability to use measuring devices at crime scenes.
- Demonstrate the ability to gather/collect, store and transport evidence of a crime scene without damaging it.
- Demonstrate behavioral and social skills.
- Demonstrate listening skills.
- Demonstrate the proper search, questioning/interrogation, and arrest skills.
- Have knowledge and proper use of terminology pertaining to law enforcement.
- Able to communicate orally with a wide variety of people.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONS:

- Dispatcher
- Police Officer
- Ohio State Highway Trooper
- Sheriff's Deputy
- Correctional Officer
- Guard, Probation Officer
- Parole Officer
- Juvenile Corrections Officer
- Campus and Industrial Security

Associate of Applied Science

TECHNICAL CONCENTRATION

		Credit Hrs.
LAC	2030	Basic Law Academy I 14
LAC	2040	Basic Law Academy II 7
LEN	1010	Professional Development 3
LEN	1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
LEN	1200	Juvenile Procedures 3
LEN	1700	Practicum 1
LEN	2040	Investigation Techniques 3
LEN	2090	Report Writing 3
LEN	2150	Community Relations 3
		Total Technical Credit Hours 40

GENERAL EDUCATION AND RELATED COURSES

GEN	1000	First-Year Seminar 1
CIT	1090	Computer Fundamentals 3
Choose One:		ENG 1050 College Composition I or ENG 1020 3
HPE	1000	Physical Conditioning 1
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HUM	1010	Critical Thinking 3
MGT	1250	Leadership Development 3
MTH	1110	Business Math 4
PLS	1000	American Government 3
PSY	1210	General Psychology 3
SPE	2010	Effective Speaking 3
		Total General Education & Related Credit Hours 28
		TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 68

* See page 95 for a listing of specific electives.
See your advisor for appropriate course selection.

** All students graduating from Terra State Community College with an Associate degree of any kind will be functionally proficient in common computer operations and applications. Please see your academic advisor or academic division office for further details.

To determine when courses are scheduled, see program curriculum sheet which is available from the Enrollment Services office in Building A/Room 100, from the Arts & Sciences and Business Division, Building A/Room 202 or on the web at www.terra.edu.