

POLICE SCIENCE

Associate of Applied Science

68 credit hours*

The Police Science Associate of Applied science is designed to equip certified police officers with a comprehensive knowledge the governmental structures, limitations, and theoretical underpinnings of the American criminal justice system. This curriculum is intended as a terminal occupational degree program for students who are incumbents in government police agencies at the local, state or national level. The balanced liberal arts emphasis of this degree, which includes the study of law, criminal justice, social sciences, humanities, behavioral sciences, natural sciences and general education courses, will provide graduates a broader understanding of the criminal justice system than is currently practical within the confines of police certification or licensure programs.

Upon completion of the degree students will be able to:

- Describe the historical development, roles, interrelationships, and criminal justice system functions of agencies, actors, structures, and operations of criminal justice agencies.
- Identify and describe major national measures of crime and major theories on courses of criminality.
- Explain functions of criminal laws, Constitutional limitations on laws, and application of laws in criminal courts.
- Identify current trends in crime, police techniques, offender sentencing, corrections practices, and offender reintegration.

**Additional hours may be required for program requirements for transfer students who are NMGEC complete.*

Any student who is ineligible for state, national, or industry licensure or certification is ineligible for entry into this program.

Institutional and Related Requirements – 10 hours

ENGL 1110 – Composition I (3)

FYEX 1110 – First-year Seminar (3)

MATH 1216 – Preparatory Algebra (4)

Note: If institutional/related requirements are waived, additional elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum hours required for the degree.

Program Requirements – 43 hours

Successful completion of training at the New Mexico State Police (NMSP) Academy, New Mexico Department of Public Safety (NMDPS) Academy, the United States Border Patrol Basic Training Program (USBPI), the Federal Air Marshal Basic Training program (FAMTP), or the Land Management Basic Police Training Program (LMPT) will equate to 30 credit hours toward the technical requirements. Military Police may also qualify but must meet the same qualifications as required by NMDPS and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CJUS 1110 – Intro to Criminal Justice (3)

CJUS 2360 – Criminal Procedures (3)

SPAN 1110 – Spanish I (4)

Choose from the following – 3 hours

CJUS 1120 – Criminal Law (3)

CJUS 1140 – Juvenile Justice (3)

CJUS 2130 – Police an Society (3)

CJUS 2215 – American Judicial System (3)

CJUS 2225 – Introduction to Corrections (3)

CJUS 2320 – Gangs in American Society (3)

CJUS 2340 – Victimization in American Society (3)

New Mexico General Education Curriculum (NMGEC) – 15-17 hours (as itemized below)

Communications – 3 hours

ENGL 1120, 2210; and COMM 1130, 2120, 2150.

Mathematics – 4 hours

MATH 1130, 1220, 1230, 1510, 1520.

Science – 4 hours

Choose one from* ANTH 1120C; BIOL 1110/L, 1133C, 1215/L, 2110/L, 2210/L, 2310/L, 2610/L; CHEM 1215/L, 1225/L; GEOL 1120/L.

**see course description for Math prerequisite*

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

CJUS 1110, 2140, 2360; ECON 1110, 2110, 2120; GEOG 1130; POLS 1120; PSYC 1110, 2110, 2120, 2130, 2140, 2260; SOCI 1110, 2310.

Flexible Three – 3 hours

Choose one course from:

Any course from the NMGEC and/or BUSA 1110

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