Law Enforcement Certificate

Course #	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisites	Semester Offered	Semester Taken	Grade Earned
ENL101	English Composition I	3	Appropriate scores in Reading Comprehension & in Sentence Skills on the CPT or a grade of C or better in ENL020 & ENL050 or ESL201	Fall, Spring, Summer		
COM103	Human Communication	3	ENL010 or ESL102 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
SOC106	Principles of Sociology	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
PSY101	General Psychology	3	ENL020 & ENL050 or satisfactory basic skills assessment score	Fall, Spring, Summer		
CRJ101	Substantive Criminal Law	3	None	Fall		
CRJ125	Contemporary Policing	3	None	Fall, Spring		
CRJ102	Procedural Criminal Law	3	None	Spring		
CRJ105	Criminology, Theory and Practice	3	None	Fall, Spring		
CRJ130	Criminal Evidence	3	None	Fall, Summer		
Total Credits		27				

Overview

Developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Law Enforcement Certificate program prepares students for a career in local law enforcement.

The certificate combines specialized criminal justice and general education coursework to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to compete for entry into the Massachusetts law enforcement field. All of the credits in the certificate program can be applied to the Criminal Justice Associate in Science degree.

The Law Enforcement certificate was developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and has been ratified by their Training and Education Committee as an important step in their goal to have a better-educated and more professional workforce. Although the certificate is not yet a requirement in the hiring and training procedures, it is anticipated that it will substitute for a significant part of the Massachusetts Training council curriculum in the near future.

Career Outlook

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Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Law Enforcement Certificate, students are able to:

- Identify, evaluate and utilize effective verbal, non-verbal and written communication.
- Apply ethical principles in decision-making situations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of diversity and multiculturalism.
- Identify a problem and develop solutions.
- Properly use basic criminal justice terms and concepts.
- Identify, explain, and apply major theories of crime causation and individual criminal behavior.
- Identify and explain the interrelationship between the major components of the criminal justice system.