

**Program Description:**

The Law Enforcement Option Associate in Science Criminal Justice degree program is designed for students interested in working as police officers and in other law enforcement careers. This option provides students with a strong foundation in criminal justice and the opportunity to focus their studies in the area of law enforcement and policing.

The curriculum emphasizes both an academic and practical approach to the three major areas of criminal justice -- the police, courts and corrections -- providing students with basic knowledge of legal issues facing practitioners in these fields. Emphasis is placed on oral and written communications, as well as interpersonal skill building and understanding of the multicultural issues necessary for working with diverse populations.

Career and Transfer Outlook:

Students are prepared for career employment and for transfer to bachelor's degree programs. Graduates have secured employment with local, federal and international law enforcement agencies, as well as other criminal justice professions.

Helpful Hints:

No academic credit is awarded for life experience, or for military, police academy or other training.

Service-Learning: Students are encouraged to gain experience in community organizations by participating in Service-Learning opportunities offered in courses throughout the degree program

Program Outcomes:

Graduates of the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Option program are prepared to:

- Describe the functions and interrelationships of the major components of the criminal justice system;
- Evaluate and utilize effective verbal, nonverbal and written communication;
- Identify valid research sources and use technology as a research tool;
- Demonstrate an understanding of ethical standards in the criminal justice system and apply these standards to practical situations;
- Describe the diversity of experiences and viewpoints within society and analyze how perceptions are affected by culture;
- Recognize a social problem, develop a problem-solving approach, formulate and evaluate effective responses;
- Apply the law to a set of facts and describe possible outcomes;
- Demonstrate knowledge of career options in criminal justice and an understanding of qualifications and professional expectations.

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BEDFORD CAMPUS AND LOWELL CAMPUS - DAY AND EVENING

✓	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES
_____	CRJ 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	CRJ 112	Criminal Law	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	CRJ 121	Contemporary Policing	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	CRJ 131	Constitutional Law	3	ENG 101 with a minimum grade of D-
_____	CRJ 151	Interpersonal Communications in Criminal Justice	3	Completion of ENG 101 or permission of instructor*
_____	CRJ 152	Criminal Evidence and Court Procedure	3	Placement into ENG 101 and successful completion of CRJ 112
_____	CRJ 241	Criminal Investigation	3	CRJ 131, CRJ 152 or *
_____	ENG 101	English Composition I	3	C- in ENG 071 or eligible for ENG 101 and placement above or successful completion of ENG 060
_____	ENG 102	English Composition II: An Introduction to Literature	3	ENG 101
_____	_____	Humanities Elective	3	
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_____	_____	Mathematics Elective**	3	
_____	GOV 120	American Government	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and successful completion of ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and successful completion of ENG 060 or higher Placement
_____	SCI 130	Forensic Science	4	Eligible for ENG 101 and successful completion of ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3	Eligible for ENG 101 and successful completion of ENG 060 or higher placement
_____	_____	Elective***	3	
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*Permission of instructor

**Must be above MAT 070

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**** Students following the transfer option must take a lab science to fulfill this requirement.

Note: In order for a student to be eligible to participate in an academic, community or clinical program that involves potential unsupervised contact with children, the disabled, or the elderly, the student may be required to undergo a Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) check and/or a Sex Offender Registry Information (SORI) check. See page 151 for details.

Note: Additional coursework may be required based on college placement testing. Students are urged to meet with their academic advisor for proper course sequencing.