

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement

70-credit Associate of Applied Science Degree

About the Program

Become part of the dynamic criminal justice field! Criminal Law, Criminal Investigations, Forensic Investigations, Introduction to Terrorism and Juvenile Law are some of the required courses that will prepare students for an exciting, rewarding and challenging career. Additionally, students will gain knowledge in the areas of Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism initiatives as current events develop.

Potential Job Titles

- Police Officer • Detective
- Deputy Sheriff • DNR Ranger
- State Trooper • Probation Agent
- Private Security
- Non-Profit Manager
- Corrections Officer

Credit Transfer

Credits earned in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program may be transferable to institutions offering baccalaureate degrees. Visit www.wctc.edu/transfer for specific information. Since the details of credit transfers change from time to time, be sure to contact the intended college or university to verify credit transferability.

Admission Process

- Fill out a WCTC application
- Send \$30 non-refundable application fee
- Send high school transcript or GED/HSED
- Send any previous college transcripts
- Complete Skills Assessment test (COMPASS)
- Begin pursuing Financial Aid options

For more information, call 262.691.5200.

Required Courses	Credits
First Semester	
504-101 Intro to Criminal Justice	3+
504-104 Introduction to Security	3+
504-122 Patrol and Traffic Procedures	3
801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3+
809-199 Psychology of Human Relations	3
Total semester credits	15
Second Semester	
504-102 Police Organization and Admin	3+
504-113 Criminal Law	3
504-135 Juvenile Law	3
504-160 Intro to Homeland Security	3
801-195 Written Communication	3+
804-106 Intro to College Math	3+
Total semester credits	18
Third Semester	
504-108 Introduction to Terrorism	3
504-117 Constitutional Law	3
504-123 Criminal Investigation	3
504-142 Police Report/Recording Methods	3
809-197 Contemporary Amer Society	3
Elective	3
Total semester credits	18
Fourth Semester	
504-115 Criminal Evidence	3
504-124 Forensic Investigation	3
504-140 Criminology	3
504-162 Employment Strategies	1
801-198 Speech	3+
809-166 Intro to Ethics: Theory & App	3
Elective	3
Total semester credits	19
+ Proficiency exam available	
<i>Curriculum is current as of catalog printing. The most current curriculum requirements for graduation will be provided upon admission to program, or review at www.wctc.edu.</i>	

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504-101 Intro to Criminal Justice	3	Develop a theoretical and practical knowledge and a realistic understanding of the history and mission of law enforcement during this course designed for the police science student.
504-102 Police Organization and Admin	3	Become familiar with the basic principles and practices of police department organization and management. Explore administrative and leadership functions associated with the management of law enforcement agencies, including concepts and procedures in police planning and research, inspectional services, personnel management, budgeting, police operations, and technical services. Study the relationship of police, government, and politics.
504-104 Introduction to Security	3	Study the historical, philosophical, and legal basis of security. Discuss the role of security and the security individual in modern society, the concept of professionalism, and the physical aspects of the security field. Gain an overview of industrial, retail, and institutional security measures.
504-108 Introduction to Terrorism	3	Provide a thorough understanding of the historical and current context of international and domestic terrorism using a criminal justice framework. Areas of study include examining motivations, ideologies, typologies, methods and tactics of terrorist organizations and individuals, as well as current trends for the U.S. and the global community. Further analyzes terrorist incidents which have resulted in heightened awareness of vulnerability of U.S. interests, counterterrorism investigative techniques, and challenges facing the law enforcement and intelligence communities.
504-113 Criminal Law	3	Gain insight into the nature and concepts of various crimes during this course for police science students. Develop an understanding of the more frequently used criminal state statutes.
504-115 Criminal Evidence	3	Examine the nature, kinds, and degrees of evidence, and explore the necessity of appropriately handling evidence for admission in a court of law. Become familiar with the most frequently used sections of the Wisconsin Statutes dealing with criminal law procedure and other related topics. Prerequisites: 504-101 Intro to Criminal Justice
504-117 Constitutional Law	3	Develop an understanding of the U.S. Constitution as the basis for the American criminal justice system. Become familiar with the criminal justice process and the legal rules governing police procedures such as arrest, search, and seizure. Prerequisites: 504-113 Criminal Law
504-122 Patrol & Traffic Procedures	3	Develop an understanding of the tactical methods used in conducting an efficient police patrol. Explore the operational responsibilities necessary for a police officer. Gain an understanding of the technologies used in the enforcement, regulation and control of traffic laws and a general overview of traffic accident investigations.
504-123 Criminal Investigation	3	Study the basic materials needed to achieve operational effectiveness in the essential missions of investigative work, and develop the attitudes needed by police science students to build a foundation for the growth of investigative ability. Develop an understanding of what is meant by criminal investigation and become familiar with the employment of selected technical methods and services available in the field of criminal investigation.
504-124 Forensic Investigation	3	Learn how to process crime scenes and use forensic science in criminal investigations. Develop skills in the collection, preservation, and court presentation of fingerprints, firearms, impressions, trace body fluid, and document evidence. Prerequisites: 504-123 Criminal Investigation
504-135 Juvenile Law	3	Develop an understanding of juvenile delinquency elements and trends. Discern the differences between the theories of delinquency causation, and apply pertinent WI statutes to juvenile law enforcement.
504-140 Criminology	3	Learn about the issues, theories and research that comprise criminology, and develop an understanding of the criminal justice field.
504-142 Police Report/Recording Methods	3	Study how to develop an official document while learning the need for extreme accuracy, clarity and conciseness. Practice preparing normal police and investigative reports and become familiar with automated police information systems. Prerequisites: 801-195 Written Communication
504-160 Intro to Homeland Security	3	Introduction to the concept of homeland security. Defines and explains homeland security. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security will be thoroughly analyzed and its mission will be investigated. Also addresses chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive devices and the use of these weapons of mass destruction. The importance and basic elements of a planned response, methods used to prevent the importation of weapons of mass destruction into the U.S., and what is being and what can be done to prevent another large-scale terrorist incident in the United States will be covered. Learn the Incident Command System required by National Incident Management System as well as the National Emergency Response System.
504-162 Employment Strategies	1	Gain the skills necessary for the employment process upon graduation. Receive proper coaching and mentoring needed to find a job in the criminal justice area. Be exposed to the different careers and advancements available for a successful start.
801-195 Written Communication	3	Study and practice the transfer of information, ideas, and experiences in written form through reports, letters, memoranda, and other documents. Gain proficiency in the areas of organization, clarity, accuracy, and directness. Prerequisites: COMPASS-Writing Skills or ACT-English or ASSET-Writing Skills or Accuplacer Sentence Skills or TABE Advanced Language or 831-103 Intro to College Writing or 851-771 Writing-Program Readiness
801-196 Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3	Practice the necessary skills for effective speech delivery, listening, assertiveness, conflict resolution, teamwork, and general interpersonal communication.
801-198 Speech	3	Explore the fundamentals of effective oral presentation to small and large groups. Topic selection, audience analysis, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, included in the course.
804-106 Intro to College Math	3	An introductory level course designed to review and develop fundamental concepts of arithmetic, algebra, geometry, and statistics. Emphasis will be placed on computational skills and applications of rational numbers; problem solving skills with ratios, proportions, and percent; basic principles and application of algebra, geometry, graphing, and statistics; measurement skills in U.S. Customary and Metric Systems; and the use of calculators as a tool.
809-166 Intro to Ethics: Theory & App	3	Gain a basic understanding of the theoretical foundations of ethical thought. Diverse ethical perspectives will be used to analyze and compare relevant issues. Critically evaluate individual, social and/or professional standards of behavior, and apply a systematic decision-making process to these situations. Prerequisites: COMPASS-Reading Skills or 858-775 Reading - Program Readiness or 838-105 Intro Reading & Study Skills or TABE Advanced Reading or Accuplacer Reading Comprehensi or College Proficiency - Reading or Grandfathered Rdg Requirement or ACT-Reading
809-197 Contemporary Amer Society	3	Examine the network of interdependent social systems which affect learners as employees, family members, and citizens. In this interdisciplinary course, study public policy issues which illustrate how our traditional institutions such as family, education, government, work, and media are being changed by global, political, demographic, multicultural, and technological trends. By exploring contemporary issues, expand use of creative and critical thinking skills in evaluating information, making decisions, advocating positions, and participating in the democratic process. Prerequisites: COMPASS-Reading Skills or 858-775 Reading - Program Readiness or 838-105 Intro Reading & Study Skills or TABE Advanced Reading or Accuplacer Reading Comprehensi or College Proficiency - Reading or Grandfathered Rdg Requirement or ACT-Reading
809-199 Psychology of Human Relations	3	Examine the principles of interaction as applied to human relations at home and on the job. Explore topics such as, self concept personality development, learning, motivation, emotions, stress, human relations processes, and special relationships. Prerequisites: COMPASS-Reading Skills or 858-775 Reading - Program Readiness or 838-105 Intro Reading & Study Skills or TABE Advanced Reading or Accuplacer Reading Comprehensi or College Proficiency - Reading or Grandfathered Rdg Requirement or ACT-Reading
Elective Options		
504-103 Probation, Parole and Corrections		
504-151 Co-op/Internship		
504-161 Intro to Cybercrimes		
Any course at the associate degree level will meet the elective requirement.		