

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - LAW ENFORCEMENT EMPHASIS

Associate of Applied Science, 63 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program

The mission of the Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement emphasis program is to prepare students with the knowledge and skills necessary for employment as entry-level law enforcement officers. This is not a strictly academic program. It has an extensive hands-on component to it.

A law enforcement officer is an official representative of government who is entrusted with a wide variety of duties. Regardless of the type and size of the organization they work for, law enforcement officers are expected to perform in a professional manner. The highly competitive nature of obtaining most law enforcement positions requires applicants to be prepared academically, be physically fit, and have the hands-on skills necessary to do the job. Many entry-level applicants for law enforcement positions are encouraged or required to have completed at least two years of formal postsecondary education. The WDT Law Enforcement program will help prepare students with these requirements.

| Course | No. | Course Title | Credits |
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| General Education Requirements | | | |
| CIS | 105 | MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I | 3 |
| ENGL | 101 | COMPOSITION* | 3 |
| MATH | 101 | INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i> | 3 |
| PSYC | 101 | GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY | 3 |
| SOC | 100 | INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY | 3 |
| Total | | | 15 |
| Technical Requirements | | | |
| CJUS | 115 | CONSTITUTIONAL LAW FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT | 3 |
| CJUS | 119 | CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES | 3 |
| CJUS | 121 | CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS | 4 |
| CJUS | 124 | JUVENILE METHODS | 3 |
| CJUS | 200 | COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS | 3 |
| CJUS | 201 | INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE | 3 |
| CJUS | 205 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE FORENSICS | 3 |
| CJUS | 210 | CONTEMPORARY SECURITY PRACTICES | 3 |
| CJUS | 215 | ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE | 3 |
| CJUS | 220 | TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM | 3 |
| CJUS | 225 | DOMESTIC VIOLENCE | 3 |
| CJUS | 275 | LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY | 14 |
| Total | | | 48 |

* Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing.

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Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

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Semester Breakdown

| First Semester | | | Second Semester | | |
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| | | CR | | | CR |
| CIS 105 | Microcomputer Software Applications I | 3 | CJUS 121 | Criminal Investigations | 4 |
| CJUS 115 | Constitutional Law for Law Enforcement | 3 | CJUS 124 | Juvenile Methods | 3 |
| CJUS 119 | Criminal Law and Procedures | 3 | CJUS 210 | Contemporary Security Practices | 3 |
| CJUS 200 | Community Corrections | 3 | ENGL 101 | Composition | 3 |
| CJUS 201 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | | MATH 101 | Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i> | 3 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 15 | Total Credit Hours | | 16 |
| Third Semester | | | Fourth Semester | | |
| | | CR | | | CR |
| CJUS 205 | Criminal Justice Forensics | 3 | CJUS 275 | Law Enforcement Academy | 14 |
| CJUS 215 | Ethics in Criminal Justice | 3 | | | |
| CJUS 220 | Terrorism and Counterterrorism | 3 | | | |
| CJUS 225 | Domestic Violence | 3 | | | |
| PSYC 101 | General Psychology | 3 | | | |
| SOC 100 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 | | | |
| Total Credit Hours | | 18 | Total Credit Hours | | 14 |

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.

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