

WESTERN DAKOTA

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

Associate of Applied Science, 62 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program

The mission of the Law Enforcement Technology 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 the 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 WDTC Law Enforcement Technology program will help prepare students with these requirements.

Course	No.	Course Title	Credits
General Education Requirements			
CSC	105	MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I	3
ENGL	101	COMPOSITION I*	3
MATH	105	MATHEMATICAL REASONING*** <i>or</i>	3
MATH	101	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i>	
PSYC	101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY <i>or</i>	3
SOC	100	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	
Total			12
Technical Requirements			
CJUS	119	CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES	3
CJUS	123	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	3
CJUS	124	JUVENILE METHODS	3
CJUS	201	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE****	3
CJUS	202	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS	3
CJUS	215	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJUS	225	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3
CJUS	245	LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS & PROCEDURES	3
CJUS	250	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3
LET	226	PHYSICAL TRAINING	1
LET	251	FIREARMS TRAINING	3
LET	255	EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATIONS	3
LET	275	BASIC LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING	14
LET	280	SD LAW ENFORCEMENT RECIPROCITY EXAM REVIEW	2
Total			50

* Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing

**Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Elementary Algebra

***Prerequisite: ACCUPLACER score

****CJUS 201 meets the AAS program requirements for 3 credits of Social Science

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 AAS

First Semester		Second Semester	
	CR		CR
CJUS 119 Criminal Law and Procedures	3	CJUS 123 Criminal Investigations	3
CJUS 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJUS 124 Juvenile Methods	3
CJUS 250 Constitutional Law	3	CJUS 245 Law Enforcement Operations & Procedures	3
CSC 105 Microcomputer Software Applications I	3	ENGL 101 Composition I	3
PSYC 101 General Psychology <i>or</i>	3	MATH 105 Mathematical Reasoning <i>or</i>	3
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology		MATH 101 Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>	
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	15
Third Semester		Fourth Semester	
	CR		CR
CJUS 202 Effective Communication for Criminal Justice Professionals	3	LET 275 Basic Law Enforcement Training	14
CJUS 215 Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	LET 280 SD Law Enforcement Reciprocity Exam Review	2
CJUS 225 Domestic Violence	1		
LET 226 Physical Training	3		
LET 251 Firearms Training	3		
LET 255 Emergency Vehicle Operations			
Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	16

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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