

LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AAS

Program Code: Law Enforcement-AAS

Program Description

TMCC's Associate of Applied Science, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement is designed for students wishing to explore or enter a highly rewarding career in the criminal justice system. The AAS in law enforcement provides students with a strong foundation for careers in law enforcement, probation, investigations, corrections, and corporate security (<https://www.tmcc.edu/criminal-justice>).

The Associate of Applied Science in law enforcement is designed as a practitioner oriented and possibly terminal degree. This degree is not intended as a university transfer degree for those students who wish to continue on to complete their bachelor degree. Students interested in university transfer should instead major in the Associate of Arts in criminal justice degree.

The AAS in law enforcement allows students a greater opportunity to select and customize their educational experience around their specific interests in criminal justice. The AAS degree is preparation for and can lead to the Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) in Emergency Management.

Criminal Justice Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

Recommended Course Schedule

	Units
1st semester	
English ^{1,2}	3
Mathematics ^{1,2}	3
CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
CRJ 106 Introduction to Corrections or CRJ 164 or Introduction to Criminal Investigation	3
COM 113 Fundamentals of Speech Communications	3
Semester Total	15
2nd semester	
ENG 102 Composition II or ENG 114 or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	3
CRJ 211 Police in America: An Introduction	3
CRJ 164 Introduction to Criminal Investigation or CRJ 106 or Introduction to Corrections	3
Human Relations ^{1,2}	3
Science ^{1,2}	3
Semester Total	15
3rd semester	
CRJ 222 Criminal Law and Procedure	3
Electives ²	6
Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science ^{1,2}	3
U.S. and Nevada Constitution ¹	3
Semester Total	15

4th semester

CRJ 270 Introduction to Criminology or CRJ 289 or Law and Justice	3
Electives ²	9
Diversity ¹	3
Semester Total	15
Total Units	60

¹ See approved General Education list for the AAS Degree. (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>)

² See program recommendations or requirements.

Program Requirements

AAS degrees are generally non-transfer degrees designed for students to enter the workforce.

To earn an AAS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
<i>Communications/English</i>		6
Recommended:		
ENG 101 or ENG 100 or ENG 113	Composition I Composition Enhanced Composition I for International and Multilingual Students	
Required:		
ENG 102 or ENG 114	Composition II Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	
<i>Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science</i>		3
Recommended:		
PHIL 135 or PSY 101 or SOC 101	Introduction to Ethics General Psychology Principles of Sociology	
<i>Mathematics</i>		3
Recommended:		
MATH 120 or BUS 117 or MATH 100	Fundamentals of College Mathematics (or higher) ⁴ Business Calculations and Methods Math for Allied Health and Public Safety Programs	
<i>Science</i>		3
Recommended:		
BIOL 100 or DATA 101 or NUTR 121	General Biology for Non-Majors Introduction to Data Science Human Nutrition	
<i>Human Relations</i>		3

Recommended:

EPY 101	Educational, Career, and Personal Development
or MGT 171	Supervision and Human Relations
or PSY 102	Psychology of Personal and Social Adjustment

PSLO5: Identify various theories on crime policy and criminality and describe the historical and current challenges facing the law enforcement profession.

Additional College Requirements

Diversity 3

U.S. and Nevada Constitutions 3

Degree Requirements

COM 113 Fundamentals of Speech Communications 3

CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice 3

CRJ 106 Introduction to Corrections 3

CRJ 164 Introduction to Criminal Investigation 3

CRJ 211 Police in America: An Introduction 3

CRJ 222 Criminal Law and Procedure 3

CRJ 270 Introduction to Criminology 3

or CRJ 289 Law and Justice

Elective Requirements:

Select 15 units from the following courses or Training Credits. 15

POST Training Credits

Any courses from CRJ

APST 207 Practical Statistics (Practical Statistics)

COT 101 Computer Keyboarding I

CPD 116 Substance Abuse-Fundamental Facts and Insights

CRJ 260 911 Dispatch Emergency Telecommunicator Academy

EMHS 200 ICS/NIMS/EOC

Total Units 60

³ Refer to the Transfer Credit Policy on Evaluation of Previous Training and Education (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/rules-regulations/transfer-credit-policy-evaluation-previous-training-education/>). (Section 3, VII. Other Recognized Sources)

⁴ MATH 120 or higher is required for the BAS, Emergency Management.

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Identify the roles and areas of responsibilities of the various criminal justice entities including law enforcement, policing, prosecution, courts and community corrections.

PSLO2: Describe how the rights and protections granted under the US Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights shape criminal justice procedure and the functions of the criminal justice system.

PSLO3: Explain the process of conducting a professional criminal investigation, the process of an arrest and pretrial detention, criminal trial procedures, and possible sanctions after conviction.

PSLO4: Describe the historical origin of the law enforcement profession and its evolution to modern day policing, including the political, social, and cultural influences behind organizational and procedural changes.