

POLICE SCIENCE A.A.S. (CAREER)

Program website (<https://www.frederick.edu/programs/public-safety/police-science.aspx>)

Program Description

Prepares Maryland law enforcement officials to meet the challenges of a diverse, global society through quality, accessible, innovative, lifelong learning. The diverse, ever-growing population of our state requires increasing numbers of law enforcement officials to be skilled at communicating, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and diversity awareness, in addition to being physically strong. The key to creating and maintaining this type of professional law enforcement official is education.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate effective verbal and nonverbal communications with law enforcement staff and the general public. This may include effective communication skills in dealing with various types of people (e.g., hostile, angry, drunk, deranged, racist, etc.), identification of non-language and language-style factors that contribute to a negative response from the public (e.g., profanity, spitting, disrespectful attitude, etc.), and courteous, active listening.
- Apply concepts, principles and practices of the criminal justice system to affect successful resolution to potentially- and commonly-encountered policing situations. This may include identifying basic psychological responses of victims and calming and controlling a distraught person.
- Demonstrate ability to identify a given crime, crime classification and section number utilizing the Annotated Code of Maryland and/or the Digest of Criminal Laws and knowing the conditions under which certain procedures are appropriate. This may include subpoena procedures, booking procedures, and advising a person of his/her rights.
- Demonstrate effective written communications. This may include preparing complete field and interview notes, and preparing in-depth narrative reports necessary for various legal organizations and legal proceedings. Students will interpret results of wellness, fitness, and nutrition evaluations.

Program Requirements

- Students must complete their credit **English and Mathematics** within the first 24 credits.
- One course must meet the cultural competence graduation requirement (<https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural>).
- **CORE: The General Education CORE** is that foundation of the higher education curriculum providing a coherent intellectual experience for all students. Students should check with an advisor or the transfer institution (ARTSYS) before selecting General Education CORE requirements. <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>
- In some General Education categories (Mathematics, Biological & Physical Sciences), a 4-credit course selected from the GenEd course list will satisfy the requirement in place of a 3-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting these courses.

- For the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement, a 3-credit PHED, HLTH, or NUTR course may satisfy the requirement in place of a 1-credit course. Students should check with an advisor before selecting this course.
- Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 101 English Composition.

Code	Title	Credits
English		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3
Mathematics		
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
MATH 101	Foundations of Mathematics	
Social & Behavioral Sciences		
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
SOCY 102	Social Problems (satisfies cultural competence requirement)	
Arts & Humanities		
COMM 103	Public Speaking	3
Biological & Physical Science		
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (lab course) - Recommended course(s) below:		4
BIOT 130	Forensic Biology	
Interdisciplinary & Emergency Issues		
Wellness Elective (Gen Ed Course List) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#wellness) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
HLTH 160	Stress Management	
HLTH 165	Fitness for Living	
Select one of the following courses:		3
EMGT 101	Disaster, Crisis, and Emergency Management	
HLTH 160	Stress Management (if not taken to satisfy Wellness Elective above)	
Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition Requirement		
Wellness elective above satisfies this requirement		
Departmental Requirements		
CCJS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CCJS 201	Criminal Law	3
CCJS 204	Police Operational Services	3
POLC 106	Police - Community Relations ¹	3
POLC 112	Criminalistics ¹	4
POLC 221	Police Defense Tactics ¹	5
POLC 222	Police Arsenal and Procedures ¹	5
POLC 223	Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) ¹	3
EMGT 220	Emergency Operations Planning	3
or CCJS 220	Criminal Evidence & Procedure	
CCJS 214	The Correctional Process	3
EMGT 201	Public Safety GIS and Technology	3
or SOCY 201	Criminology	
Total Credits		60

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Articulated from MPCTC and/or only offered through a Maryland Police academy training program.

Transfer Note

For more information on careers and transfer, contact the Career and Academic Planning Services office at 301.846.2471 or visit Transfer Services (<https://www.frederick.edu/student-resources/counseling-advising/transfer-services.aspx>).

Guided Pathway to Success (GPS)

Suggested schedules map your path to degree completion.

Students should meet with an advisor each semester to carefully select and sequence courses based on their specific academic goals and interests. Visit Jefferson Hall or call 301.846.2471 for advising.

Recommended First Semester		Credits
ENGL 101	English Composition ¹	3
Mathematics Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#mathematics) - Recommended course(s) below: ¹		3
MATH 101	Foundations of Mathematics	
CCJS 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
POLC 106	Police - Community Relations	3
EMGT 101	Disaster, Crisis, and Emergency Management	3
Credits		15
Recommended Second Semester		
COMM 103	Public Speaking	3
CCJS 201	Criminal Law	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#social-behavioral) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
SOCY 102	Social Problems (satisfies Cultural Competence requirement (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#cultural))	
POLC 112	Criminalistics ²	4
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#biological-physical) (lab course) - Recommended course(s) below:		4
BIOT 130	Forensic Biology	
Credits		17
Recommended Third Semester		
CCJS 204	Police Operational Services	3
Wellness Elective (Gen Ed course list) (https://frederick-public.courseleaf.com/general-education-core/#wellness) - Recommended course(s) below:		3
HLTH 160	Stress Management ³	
HLTH 165	Fitness for Living	
Select one of the following:		3
EMGT 201	Public Safety GIS and Technology	
HLTH 160	Stress Management (if not taken to satisfy Wellness Elective above)	
SOCY 201	Criminology	
POLC 221	Police Defense Tactics ²	5
Credits		14
Recommended Fourth Semester		
EMGT 220 or CCJS 220	Emergency Operations Planning or Criminal Evidence & Procedure	3
POLC 222	Police Arsenal and Procedures ²	5
POLC 223	Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) ²	3
CCJS 214	The Correctional Process	3
Credits		14
Total Credits		60

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Take this course within the first 24 credits.

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Articulated from Maryland Police Corrections Training Commission and/or only offered at a Maryland Police Training Academy.

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Wellness elective satisfies the Physical Education, Health, or Nutrition requirement.

Part-time Students

Part-time students should complete courses in the order listed on the pathway. Please contact program manager for questions about part-time status.

Students who take fewer than 15 credits each semester or who require developmental English or Math coursework will need additional semesters to complete their degrees. Summer term and January session classes may help students to make faster progress.

Pathway Legend

Milestone - courses with the Milestone notation should be taken within the recommend credit range to stay on track for program completion.

Fall, Spring, Summer - courses with a Fall, Spring, or Summer notation indicate the course is offered in the specified semester only.