

# Law Enforcement

## Degree Type

Certificate

Developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Law Enforcement Certificate program prepares students for a career in local law enforcement.

The certificate combines specialized criminal justice and general education coursework to provide students with knowledge and skills needed to compete for entry into the Massachusetts law enforcement field. All of the credits in the certificate program can be applied to the [Associate in Science Criminal Justice](#) degree.

The Law Enforcement certificate was developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association and has been ratified by their Training and Education Committee as an important step in their goal to have a better-educated and more professional workforce. Although the certificate is not yet a requirement in the hiring and training procedures, it is anticipated that it will substitute for a significant part of the Massachusetts Training council curriculum in the near future.

Learn more about the program and apply at [Law Enforcement Certificate](#)

## Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
ENL101	English Composition I	3
COM103	Human Communication	3
SOC106	Principles of Sociology	3
PSY101	General Psychology	3
CRJ100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ125	Contemporary Policing	3
CRJ103	Criminal Law	3
CRJ105	Criminology, Theory and Practice	3
CRJ130	Criminal Evidence	3
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>27</b>

### Career Outlook

This [occupational profile](#) is provided by O\*NET.

### Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Law Enforcement Certificate, students are able to:

- Identify, evaluate and utilize effective verbal, non-verbal and written communication.
- Apply ethical principles in decision-making situations.
- Demonstrate an understanding of diversity and multiculturalism.
- Identify a problem and develop solutions.
- Properly use basic criminal justice terms and concepts.
- Identify, explain, and apply major theories of crime causation and individual criminal behavior.
- Identify and explain the interrelationship between the major components of the criminal justice system.

### Program Completion

Completion of a program is based on full time enrollment. Many of our students attend part time and may not complete within the one year timeline.