

Program Overview

Persons interested in careers in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement and Private Security will receive theoretical and practical information in the program. This field is becoming increasingly complex. Today's employees must be trained to meet the challenges of our changing society. Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement courses and related general studies courses will prepare the student for a position as a law enforcement officer (state, municipal, or county), correctional officer, or for positions in retail, commercial, industrial security, and private investigation agencies. The program provides the student with necessary skills to perform as a police officer at municipal, county, or state governmental levels. The program also offers the officer already in active service an opportunity to improve skills and earn the associate degree.

Campus:

Rice Lake



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Special Feature

The WITC Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program offers students a unique opportunity to complete the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy as the fourth semester of the two-year associate degree program. The requirement of completing 60 or more college credits prior to enrolling in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy will be waived for students completing this academy certification option. Students not completing the academy coursework must complete a separate series of courses in the fourth semester.

Admission Requirements

Students in this program must:

- Complete application form and submit with fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)
- Complete Accuplacer entrance assessment to determine placement (waiver may apply with acceptable alternative test scores and/or postsecondary degree completion)
- Have earned a high school diploma or GED certificate; current high school seniors must provide documentation upon graduation
- Submit signed Criminal History Record Check Statement of Understanding
- Complete admissions interview with a WITC counselor (above requirements should be completed prior to interview)

Program-Specific Requirements

Prior to enrolling in second-year coursework, students in this program must:

- Be at least 18 years of age

Prior to enrolling in final term academy option, students in this program must:

- Be a United States citizen (unless employed by a Wisconsin state agency, i.e., Wisconsin State Patrol, Capitol Police, DNR, etc.)
- Pass a physical exam
- Have acceptable results based on the Wisconsin Criminal History Single Name Record Request – an unpardoned felony conviction, misdemeanor crime of domestic violence conviction, or juvenile adjudication will prohibit a student from attending the unified tactics portion of training and will prohibit employment as

- a law enforcement officer
- Possess a valid Wisconsin driver's license or other such valid operator's permit recognized by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation as authorizing operation of a motor vehicle
- Pass an oral interview with law enforcement panel

Preparation for Admission

Students should strive to reach a comfort level in the following courses or skills:

- Grammar/Business English
- Speech
- Basic Math/Algebra
- Economics
- Business Law
- Psychology
- Health/First Aid
- Physical Education

Key to the student's success in the program is a caring attitude toward people, especially victims of a crime.

Student Profile

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement students should be able to:

- Work under stress
- Accept and treat others fairly regardless of age, sex, or cultural background
- Reason and solve complex problems

Program Outcomes

Employers will expect graduates to be able to:

- Think critically
- Manage emergencies
- Communicate effectively
- Demonstrate professionalism
- Conduct investigations
- Interact with others
- Demonstrate tactical skills (applies to Certification Track only)

Collegewide outcomes and indicators will also be addressed to develop personal awareness, career effectiveness, and professionalism. See page 5 for a list of collegewide outcomes and indicators.

Career Outlook

Graduates will find employment opportunities in government, commerce, or industry as:

- Police Officers
- Deputy Sheriffs
- State Patrol/Troopers
- Jail Officers

- Corrections Officers
- Private Investigators
- Security Officers
- Telecommunicators
- Park and Forestry Personnel

Curriculum

Number	Course Title	Credits
Technical Studies Courses		
10504900	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
10504901	Constitutional Law ▲	3
10504902	Criminal Law ▲	3
10504903	Professional Communications ▲	3
10504904	Juvenile Law ▲	3
10504905	Report Writing ▲	3
10504906	Criminal Investigation Theory ▲	3
10504907	Community Policing Strategies	3
10504908	Traffic Theory	3

Academy Courses

10504121	Patrol Procedures ▲	5
10504124	Policing in America ▲	2
10504125	The Legal Context ▲	3
10504126	Tactical Skills ▲	4
10504127	Investigations ▲	3
10504129	Relational Skills ▲	4

OR

Non-academy Courses

10520103	Ethics in Human Services	3
10504166	Field Experience - Criminal Justice ▲	3
10504170	Introduction to Corrections ▲	3
10504162	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice ▲	3
10809159	Abnormal Psychology ▲ [†]	3
10520101	Introduction to Human Services	3
10809174	Social Problems ▲ [†]	3
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General Studies Courses[†]

10801195	Written Communication ▲	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
10804107	College Mathematics ▲	3
10809122	Introduction to American Government	3
10809172	Race, Ethnic, and Diversity Studies	3
10809196	Introduction to Sociology	3
10809198	Introduction to Psychology	3
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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

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▲ Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.

† See page 40 for General Studies course descriptions. Students must earn a grade point of 2.0 or better in all required (10504XXX) courses.

Course Descriptions

(See page 40 for General Studies course descriptions)

10504900

Introduction to Criminal Justice - Credits: 3

In this course learners will distinguish between the roles and functions of courts with jurisdiction in Wisconsin, differentiate between the roles and functions of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies; apply professional principles as a law enforcement officer; determine modern police functions and policies from an historical perspective; identify the role of law enforcement officers in American society; utilize a decision-making model; identify the characteristics of a good decision maker; describe how professionalism, ethics, and moral standards relate to a law enforcement career; practice a code of behavior that embodies the principles and obligations of the law enforcement code of ethics; incorporate ethical decision making strategies; describe how decisions are made; enhance an officer's critical thinking and police problem solving skills; and apply principles of critical thinking, decision-making, and problem solving.

10504901

Constitutional Law - Credits: 3

In this course, learners will identify the law enforcement policies required by Wisconsin statutes, defend the importance of written agency policies, distinguish between "ministerial" and "discretionary" duties, diagram the structure of the criminal justice system, identify situations where constitutional rules are applicable, identify situations where an officer may use reasonable suspicion to contact a subject, identify the elements of a lawful arrest, identify search-related activities where the 4th amendment is not applicable, identify the requirements that pertain to search warrants, analyze situations where an officer may conduct a search without a warrant, compare the requirements for conducting routine searches with those for searching disabled persons and strip searches, identify the requirements of the laws governing confessions and statements, and analyze the various requirements that evidence must meet before it can be admitted in court. PREREQUISITE: 10504902 Criminal Law.

10504902

Criminal Law - Credits: 3

In this course, learners will identify basic concepts of criminal law; analyze facts, circumstances, and situations and determine which, if any, crimes against persons have been committed; analyze facts, circumstances, and situations and determine which, if any, crimes against property have been committed; and analyze facts, circumstances, and situations and determine which, if any, crimes involving drugs, alcohol or other criminal activity have been committed. PREREQUISITE: Admission to the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504903

Professional Communications - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will apply knowledge of the communication process, apply communication techniques, integrate verbal and physical intervention skills, develop strategies to obtain information in a variety of situations, differentiate between an interview and an interrogation, and analyze information for consideration as corroborative evidence. PREREQUISITE: 10504902 Criminal Law.

10504904

Juvenile Law - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will describe the juvenile justice system, describe the handling of cases of children in need of protection or services, describe the handling of cases of juveniles in need of protection or services or alleged to be delinquent, identify constitutional law issues that are relevant to juveniles, analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to child maltreatment, explain the issues involved in investigating incidents of child victimization, intervene and apply appropriate investigative strategies, describe the roles of other agencies in child maltreatment cases, and recognize the unique investigative issues for missing children. PREREQUISITE: 10504902 Criminal Law.

10504905

Report Writing - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will explain the context of report writing, take effective field notes, organize information in reports, write narratives, describe what information should be included in certain types of reports, prepare for court, describe how to be an effective witness, and testify as a witness in court. PREREQUISITES: 10504902 Criminal Law and 10801195 Written Communication.

10504906

Criminal Investigation Theory - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will describe the role evidence plays in criminal investigations and prosecutions; apply the steps for processing crime scenes; apply appropriate strategies to locate, handle, and package evidentiary items; document the crime scene; recognize the unique investigative issues for crimes against life; apply appropriate strategies to secure the scene, collect and preserve evidence, and investigate a death; recognize the dynamics of victimization; apply knowledge of the

definitions and responsibilities for law enforcement; analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to domestic abuse; intervene and apply appropriate investigative strategies; respond to an officer-involved domestic violence incident; analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to sexual abuse; demonstrate investigative techniques in a simulated sexual assault case; and identify other resources that can assist in sexual assault cases. PREREQUISITE: 10504902 Criminal Law.

10504907

Community Policing Strategies - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will identify community resources available in your area, describe the role of an advocacy group in the criminal justice community, explain the rewards and challenges that diversity brings to and causes in society, evaluate communication barriers in dealing with the public, respond to hate crimes, identify the types of situations and the characteristics of individuals that are likely to be encountered in crisis management situations, apply Wisconsin statutory requirements and general guidelines regarding emergency detentions and emergency protective placements of persons, identify key concepts and elements associated with law enforcement response to people in crisis, apply crisis intervention principles and techniques, articulate the decision-making process taken to manage persons in crisis, describe community-oriented policing, describe problem-oriented policing, describe other policing strategies, and apply principles of crime prevention.

10504908

Traffic Theory - Credits: 3

In this course, the learner will enforce Wisconsin traffic laws; detect traffic violations; issue traffic citations, ranging from warnings to arrest; direct traffic; identify responsibilities of a first responding officer, following the steps of the Incident Response model; manage the response to a scene; take necessary steps to enable effective follow-up as needed; conduct an initial investigation at a crash scene; identify the mechanics of measuring and documenting traffic crash scenes; complete the Wisconsin Motor Vehicle Accident Report; record the crash scene using photography; take appropriate enforcement action based on information gathered; and recognize and interpret indicators of impaired driving.

10504121

Patrol Procedures - Credits: 5

This course will deal with the area of law enforcement uniform patrol practices and techniques including instruction into the tactical area of vehicle contacts, which is one of the areas for law enforcement recruit certification in Wisconsin. Students will prepare for working as a uniform officer by exploring observation and perception, police communications, vehicle patrol, and responding to frequently handled calls as well as unusual calls. PREREQUISITE: Admission to the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504124

Policing in America - Credits: 2

Learn rules and procedures of the academy and how various elements of the criminal justice system relate as well as the importance of professionalism. Explore the role law enforcement officers play in a democracy and apply this knowledge in classroom exercises, including role-plays and other scenario-based training. Belief systems, social pressures, moral problems, decision making and the consequences of decisions are explored. Identify resources available in communities to assist law enforcement officers in accomplishing the policing mission. Discuss issues involved in policing in a free society and identify strategies for working effectively with a diverse community. Course covers Wisconsin requirements for written law enforcement agency policies and procedures. PREREQUISITES: Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504125

The Legal Context - Credits: 3

Learn the structure of the criminal justice system, including criminal procedures. Discuss the legal basis for law enforcement action such as arrest, use of force, and search and seizure, as well as limits on law enforcement activity. Learn the classifications of crime and other violations including felonies, misdemeanors, and ordinance violations. You will learn how to identify the elements of various crimes listed in the criminal code. Law and procedures that affect juveniles, including those related to taking a juvenile into custody, are introduced. PREREQUISITES: Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504126

Tactical Skills - Credits: 4

Learn the basis for and limits to use of force by Wisconsin law enforcement officers including specific techniques for intervention covered in the Wisconsin System of Defense and Arrest Tactics. Learn weapon handling skills and how to care for and maintain your duty service weapons. Learn

to shoot quickly and accurately under a variety of conditions including under low light, while moving, and from behind cover. Also learn the basics of room clearing, tactical movement, use of cover and concealment, and application of these skills in emergency situations. PREREQUISITES: Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504127

Investigations - Credits: 3

This experience provides techniques and procedures necessary to interview or interrogate adult and juvenile witnesses, suspects, and victims. Learn how to recognize, process and preserve physical evidence and how to respond to crime victims. Explore the dynamics of victimization and victim's rights. Learn the statutory elements of each of the sensitive crimes and the dynamics, impacts, and investigative strategies unique to these crimes. PREREQUISITES: Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504129

Relational Skills - Credits: 4

Learn how to write a wide variety of law enforcement reports to accurately and fairly convey necessary information for use by investigators, prosecutors, and the public. Explore the role of communication in law enforcement and develop and apply specific professional communication skills and strategies in a variety of simulated situations. The course covers principles, guidelines, and techniques for proper law enforcement response to persons with possible mental disorders, alcohol or drug problems, and emotional or developmental disabilities. Your studies will examine the legal basis, requirements, and practical guidelines for conducting emergency detentions and protective placements of persons. The basics of presenting effective court testimony are also discussed. Explore evolving police strategies, activities and attitudes that build effective law enforcement and community relationships, as well as problem-oriented policing strategies. PREREQUISITES: Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10520103

Ethics in Human Services - Credits: 3

This course explores the ethical, legal, and professional issues facing the human services worker. It is designed to teach a process of ethical decision-making and to increase awareness of the complexities in practice. Students are introduced to the current state and federal statutes, regulations, and judicial decisions that govern the professional practice in human services. Standards, code of ethics, clients' rights, and confidentiality are emphasized.

10504166

Field Experience - Criminal Justice - Credits: 3

Firsthand observation within a criminal justice agency of the student's choice; learning activities provided on-site with participating agencies. PREREQUISITES: Admission to 105041 Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement plan and successful completion of 10504101 Introduction to Criminal Justice, 10504131 Traffic Theory, and 10504160 Community Policing.

10504170

Introduction to Corrections - Credits: 3

The course examines state and county correction systems, theories of corrections, historical development, alternatives to incarceration, probation and parole, and how law enforcement and corrections work together in the criminal justice system. PREREQUISITE: Admission to the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10504162

Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice - Credits: 3

An examination of all levels of criminal justice systems, public and private, in contemporary issues that impact these agencies now and in the future. It will investigate futuristic challenges and concerns of these agencies as they relate to legal, social, economic, political, and employment opportunities. PREREQUISITE: Admission to the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement program.

10520101

Introduction to Human Services - Credits: 3

Students examine the scope, values, and principles of the human service profession. Coursework introduces the typical roles and duties of human services workers. Students assess their own motivations, attitudes, and interests. In addition to the regular classroom hours, volunteer work in a community human services agency is required. Students must complete or have on file current, valid Background Information Disclosure (BID) and Caregiver Background Check (annual Wisconsin and Minnesota) forms, as part of this course.

Graduate Employment Information

(WITC Graduate Survey Responses 2009-2010; for most recent data, go to witic.edu)*

Number of graduates	17	Number employed	11	% employed in WITC district	78%
Number of responses	14	Percent employed	92%	Range of yearly salary	-\$*
Number available for employment	12	Employed in related field	9	Average yearly salary	\$32,749*

*Average yearly salary based on composite of graduates from Wisconsin's 16 technical college districts (including WITC graduates). Range of yearly salary not available.

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