

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy

30-504-1 Associate Degree

Offered at:

Rice Lake

Program Overview

Interested in a policing career in Wisconsin? Your college education will help. A degree shows you are a critical thinker, problem solver, communicator, and have the tenacity to finish a job. To become a sworn Officer or Agent in Wisconsin you need something more than a degree, you will need Academy training.



To become eligible to work as an officer in the State of Wisconsin, you must have basic policing skills. The Wisconsin Department of Justice's (WisDOJ) Law Enforcement Standards Board has established criteria. Admission is restricted to those who qualify under WisDOJ administrative rules. Upon completing the 520-hour Academy you become certifiable for a period of two years from the date of completion. This makes you eligible for formal certification as a Basic Law Enforcement Officer upon hiring by a law enforcement agency.

Work as an officer requires integrity. Candidates for the Law Enforcement Academy must undergo criminal history and traffic record checks and may be required to submit fingerprints and do drug screening. All candidates will be asked to participate in a personal screening interview. See www.wilenet.org for additional information from the Law Enforcement Standards Board.

Program-Specific Requirements

- Be a high school graduate or equivalent and at least 18 years old
- Have a valid driver's license
- Have completed 60 or more college credits (subject to waiver)
- Be free of any felony convictions or misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence.

Student Profile

As a student in this program, you should be able to:

- Lift and carry at least 80 pounds
- See and hear well (normal or corrected)
- Distinguish colors
- Communicate ideas verbally and in writing

Preparation for Admission

The following will help you prepare for this program:

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

Program Outcomes

As a graduate of the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy employers will expect you to be able to perform diverse job functions including:

- Describe basic legal principles.
- Report hazards to public safety.
- Respond to emergencies.
- Provide first aid to the injured.
- Investigate the results and causes of crimes and crashes.
- Direct traffic.
- Warn, arrest, and issue citations.
- Write and file activity reports.
- Operate emergency vehicles.
- Demonstrate effective communication and interpersonal skills.
- Practice behavioral and lifestyle choices which enhance physical and mental fitness.
- Model awareness and a respect for cultural diversity.

Career Outlook

Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy graduates are in demand because they can perform many public safety functions. Typical positions available upon successful completion include:

- Police Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- WisDNR Warden/Ranger
- Forest Service Ranger

Curriculum

Number	Course Title	Credits
Occupational Specific Courses		
30504311	Policing in America [▲]	1
30504320	The Legal Context [▲]	2
30504330	Tactical Skills [▲]	3
30504340	Relational Skills [▲]	3
30504350	Patrol Procedures [▲]	4
30504360	Investigations [▲]	<u>2</u>
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[▲] This course requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite, and must be completed with a grade of "C-" or better.

Course Descriptions

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Policing in America - Credits: 1

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 Academy.

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The Legal Context - Credits: 2

Learn the structure of the criminal justice system, including criminal procedures. Discuss the legal bases 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 Academy.

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Tactical Skills - Credits: 3

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 Academy.

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Relational Skills - Credits: 3

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 Academy.

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Patrol Procedures - Credits: 4

Become familiar with Wisconsin's traffic laws and ordinances, including those related to operator licensing and vehicle registration and equipment. Learn to enforce these laws, complete Wisconsin Uniform Traffic Citations and (as needed) to direct and control traffic effectively. Material covered includes steps taken as first-in officer to stabilize and manage a complex scene, investigate traffic accidents, take appropriate enforcement actions and prepare accident reports. Learn emergency vehicle operation including basic patrol operation, emergency vehicle response, and pursuit driving. Understand the legal bases for making vehicle contacts, how to conduct a threat assessment and how to conduct different types of vehicle contact, including how to administer and interpret the Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated/Standardized Field Sobriety Test (OMVWI/SFST). **PREREQUISITES:** Must meet application requirements of WITC and the Wisconsin Department of Justice and must be enrolled in the Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy.

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Investigations - Credits: 2

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 Academy.

Graduate Employment Information

No graduate follow-up information is available for Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement Academy. For the latest Occupational Outlook Handbook, which includes working conditions, employment, and earnings for careers in Law Enforcement, visit the U.S. Department of Labor Web site: www.bls.gov/oco/ocos160.htm.

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