

Certificate in Law Enforcement

Program Details

Developed in cooperation with the Massachusetts Chiefs of Police Association, the Law Enforcement Certificate prepares students for a career in local law enforcement. The certificate combines specialized criminal justice and general education coursework to provide students with the knowledge and skills they need to compete for entry of the Massachusetts law enforcement field. All of the credits earned in the certificate program can be applied to a Police Career Incentive Pay Program (PCIPP) eligible Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes

Students who complete the Law Enforcement Certificate will have:

- Acquired a specific academic foundation preparing them for successful completion of a Massachusetts Police Academy or similar training programs.
- Completed the course work identified by the Commonwealth as necessary for basic academy training, and required for hybrid police academies (if offered).

Academic Map

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A minimum of 9 classes and 27 credits is required. At least 14 credits of your program must be taken at Massasoit. Note: Each course completed and passed can only fulfill one program requirement. The same course cannot be used to satisfy multiple program requirements.

Semester 1

3 Credits in CJUS 101
Introduction to Criminal Justice
3 Credits in ENGL 101
English Composition I
3 Credits in SOCI 104
Principles of Sociology
3 Credits in SPCH 105
Speech Communication

Semester 2

3 Credits in CJUS 305
Criminal Law
3 Credits in CJUS 306
Criminal Procedures
3 Credits in CJUS 316
Police, Community, and Society
3 Credits in PSYC 101
General Psychology
3 Credits in SOCI 203
Criminology

This academic map is a suggested semester-by-semester guide to keep you on a clear path to program completion. Please note that some classes are offered only in certain semesters, have prerequisites, or minimum passing grades. Winter and/or Summer Session classes may be available for some classes. Your [academic advisor](#) will provide you with clear direction needed to stay on course and discuss scheduling options with you. Taking courses not reflected on this map may result in courses not counting toward the completion of your requirements.