

Criminal Justice

The cooperative associate of applied science degree in Nebraska law enforcement provides a special track for students at the six community colleges who want to pursue a career in law enforcement. This track includes criminal justice courses with common learning objectives identified by the colleges and the Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center (NLETC) in Grand Island. As a result of the common learning objectives, the students will complete an abbreviated certification program at the Center designated as a practicum. Upon graduation, the students will have an associate's degree and certification training for Nebraska law enforcement.

Required Program of Study for Associate of Applied Science Degree (2 years) Law Enforcement

Freshman Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 2200 Criminology.....	3
CRIM 2260 Criminal Investigation	3
ENGL 1010 English Composition I.....	3
MATH 1045 or higher.....	3-5
HPER Basic Sports Series	1
	16-18

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2100 Juvenile Justice.....	3
CRIM 1030 Courts & the Judicial Process*	3
SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
SPCH 1010 Fundamentals of Communication or SPCH 1110 Public Speaking	3
HPER Basic Sports Series	1
	13

Sophomore Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2030 Police & Society	3
CRIM 2310 Rules of Evidence.....	3
PSYC 1810 Intro to Psychology.....	3
HPER Basic Sports Series	1
Social Science***	2-3
Elective**	0-3
	12-16

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 1140 Report Writing*	3
CRIM 2000 Criminal Law.....	3
CRIM 2150 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice*	3
HPER Basic Sports Series	1
Science or Technology course***	2-5
	12-15

SUMMER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2940 Practicum (NLETC)****	9

Total Credit Hours	62-71
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*Class provided to NECC students from other Nebraska community colleges.

**Recommended electives: Human Relations, Word Processing, CPR, Spanish, Ethics, Cultural Diversity, Technical Communications, Social Problems, or others approved by the advisor.

***See Associate of Applied Science Degree Requirements.

****Admission to the NLETC will include:

- Twelve weeks (540 contact hours)
- Screening to ensure each student meets the standard to be a law enforcement officer in the state of Nebraska
- A review of the student's transcripts to ensure a passing grade overall, and a grade of "C" in all CRIM classes.
- NLETC fees, estimated at approx. \$5,000, price does not include meals while at the training center. (Assistance may be available to the student in order to defray some or all of the NLETC fees)