

Law and Public Service Career Cluster

The Law and Public Service Career Cluster focuses on planning, managing, and providing legal services, public safety, protective services, and homeland security, including professional and technical support services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and fire and emergency services.

Law Enforcement Statewide Program of Study



The Law Enforcement program of study teaches CTE learners about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students will learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

Secondary Courses for High School Credit

Level 1

- Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security

Level 2

- Law Enforcement I
- Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services

Level 3

- Law Enforcement II
- Correctional Services

Level 4

- Forensic Science

Postsecondary Opportunities

Associates Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Corrections
- Criminalistics and Criminal Science

Bachelor's Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Criminal Justice/Police Science
- Juvenile Corrections
- Cyber/Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law
- Enforcement Administration
- Natural Resources
- Law Enforcement and Protective Services

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Exploration Activities

- Join the Criminal Justice Club

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Attend court hearings and other legal procedures

Industry-Based Certifications

- Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II



Aligned Occupations

Occupations	Median Wage	Annual Openings	% Growth
Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$60,112	5,241	13%
Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Officers	\$44,054	793	9%
Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,186	4,683	9%
Immigration and Customs Inspectors	\$78,104	1,236	9%
First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%

Successful completion of the Law and Public Service program of study will fulfill requirements of the Public Service endorsement. Revised – August 2022

COURSE INFORMATION

COURSE NAME	COURSE NUMBER AND CREDITS	PREREQUISITES (PREQ) COREQUISITES (CREQ)	GRADE
Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security	8730 (1 credit)	None	9-10
Federal Law Enforcement & Protective Services	8735 (1 credit)	must be on the dual credit pathway & Prin Law	10
Law Enforcement I Regular or Dual Credit	8731 OR 8731-6 (1 credit)	Regular: Prin Law Dual Credit: Prin Law and SWTJC requirements	11
Law Enforcement II Regular or Dual Credit	8736 OR 8736-6 (1 credit)	Regular: Law I Dual Credit: Law I and SWTJC requirements	12
Correctional Services Dual Credit	8733-6 (1 credit)	Law Enforcement I DC and SWTJC requirements	12
Forensic Science	8737 (1 credit)	Biology & Chemistry	11-12

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, & Security

This course introduces students to professions in law enforcement, security, corrections, and fire and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for careers in law enforcement, fire service, security, and corrections.

Federal Law Enforcement & Protective Services

Federal Law Enforcement & Protective Services provides the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for certification in security services. The course provides an overview of security elements and types of organizations with a focus on security measures used to protect lives, property, and proprietary information.

Law Enforcement I Regular:

College Credit: CRIJ 1301 & CISA 1351

Law Enforcement I Dual Credit

This course provides an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. This course includes the role of constitutional law, the United States legal system, criminal law, law enforcement terminology, and the classification and elements of crime.

Law Enforcement II Reg or Dual Credit:

College Credit: CRIJ 1307 & CJLE 1303

This course provides the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a career in law enforcement. This course includes the ethical and legal responsibilities, operation of police and emergency telecommunication equipment, and courtroom testimony.

Correctional Services Dual Credit:

College Credit: CRIJ 2313

Students prepare for certification required for employment as a correctional officer. The student will learn the role and responsibilities of a correctional officer; discuss relevant rules, regulations, and laws; and discuss defensive

Forensic Science:

satisfies a Science credit for graduation requirements

“CSI” in the classroom: Through the use of case studies and simulated crime scenes, students will take on various roles as crime scene investigators, scientists, and medical examiners in order to learn how to process crime scenes. Students will solve crimes by questioning and interviewing, collecting, and analyzing evidence such as DNA, fingerprints, blood spatter and ballistics. They will document their findings in lab reports and present them to a student/class jury.

Courses in yellow are advanced courses for endorsement purposes.

