

Law Enforcement – Associate in Applied Science (LAEN.AAS)

Careers in law enforcement, including police officers and deputy sheriffs, are ever changing. Police officers help prevent crimes, investigate crimes and control traffic. Detectives and special agents gather facts and evidence for criminal cases. In Michigan, students must complete police academy training to be eligible for employment as a police officer. In many cases, police agencies require a minimum of an associate degree for new employees.

Minimum credits: 60

Minimum cumulative GPA: 2.0

Minimum grade in all courses: 2.0

Minimum Jackson College credits: 15

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (23-25 CREDITS)

GEO 1: Write clearly, concisely and intelligibly (6 credits)

Take the following:

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| ENG | 131 | Writing Experience I |
| ENG | 132 | Writing Experience II |

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of effective communication in a dynamic and changing society (3 credits)

Choose one of the following:

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| COM | 231 | Communication Fundamentals |
| COM | 240 | Interpersonal Communication |
| COM | 250 | Intercultural Communication |
| HIS | 211 | Minority Groups in America |
| HUM | 131 | Cultural Connections |
| PHL | 243 | Great World Religions |
| PLS | 262 | International Relations |
| PSY | 152 | Social Psychology (OR SOC 152 Social Psychology) |
| SOC | 246 | Marriage & Family |

GEO 3: Demonstrate computational skills and mathematical reasoning (4 credits)

Take the following:

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| MAT | 130 | Quantitative Reasoning (or higher) |
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GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (4-5 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

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| BIO | 110 | Introductory Biology |
| CEM | 131 | Fundamentals of Chemistry |
| GEL | 109 | Earth Science |
| NSC | 131 | Contemporary Science |
| PHY | 131 | Conceptual Physics |

GEO 5: Understand human behavior and social systems, and the principles which govern them (3 credits)

Take the following:

PLS 141 American National Government

GEO 6: Identify artistic, linguistic, and theoretical perspectives across the human experience (3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

ART 111 Art History: Prehistoric to 1400

ART 112 Art History: Renaissance to Present

HUM 131 Cultural Connections

MUS 131 Understanding Music

LAW ENFORCEMENT RELATED REQUIREMENTS (16 CREDITS)

Take the following:

*If you choose to take CIS 101, you do not need to take CIS 201.

CIS 101 Introduction to Computer Systems

CIS 201 Advanced Information Technologies

ENG 232 Technical & Business Writing

PSY 130 General Psychology

PSY 251 Abnormal Psychology

SOC 231 Principles of Sociology

LAW ENFORCEMENT CORE REQUIREMENTS (12 CREDITS)

Take the following:

*If you choose to take CRJ 117, you do not need to take SOC 117

CRJ 101 Criminal Law

CRJ 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRJ 114 Police Administration & Operations

CRJ 117 Criminology (or SOC 117 Criminology)

LAW ENFORCEMENT ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS)

Additional elective hours can be used from the following areas. Choose elective courses relevant to your career goals from any CRJ, PSY, or SOC offerings.

If you hold a CPL from the Police or Corrections Academy, credit will be awarded as CRJ 231 (6 credits) and CRJ 224 (3 credits)