

Peace Officer / Public Safety Pathway AS

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Peace Officer / Public Safety Pathway Curriculum

Curriculum

General Education Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
EXSC 1010	Physical Fitness or	View-EXSC 1010	n/a	2
EXSC 1530	Tactical Strength and Conditioning	View-EXSC 1530	n/a	2
(highly recommended) and				
HLTH 1600	Emergency Medical Responder and	View-HLTH 1600	n/a	3
COMM 1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication and	View-COMM 1110	n/a	3
PHIL 1020	Ethics and	View-PHIL 1020	n/a	3
Natural Sciences Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 3 4) - 4 credits: ANTH1020(3), BIOL1000(4), BIOL1001(4), BIOL1002(4), BIOL1030(4), BIOL1101(4), BIOL1102(4), BIOL1120(3), BIOL1130(4), BIOL1140(4), BIOL1160(4), BIOL1200(4), BIOL1350(3), BIOL1360(4), BIOL1610(1), BIOL1650(1), BIOL2020(4), BIOL2030(4), BIOL2100(4), BIOL2111(4), BIOL2112(4), BIOL2360(4), CHEM1000(4), CHEM1005(3) CHEM1010(4), CHEM1030(4), CHEM1061(4), CHEM1062(4), CHEM2061(5), CHEM2062(5), GEOG1010(3), GEOL1010(2), GEOL1020(2), GEOL1030(2), GEOL1040(2), GEOL1110(4), GEOL1120(4), GEOL1130(4), GEOL1150(4), GEOL1160(4), GEOL1850(3), GEOL1851(1), MATH1010(3), MATH1031(3), MATH1032(3), MATH1080(3), MATH1090(4), MATH1130(3), MATH1140(3), MATH1120(3), MATH1150(3), MATH1160(4), MATH1170(4), MATH1180(5), MATH1190(5), MATH1200(3), MATH1221(5), MATH1222(5), MATH2010(3), MATH2220(5), MATH2300(4), MATH2400(4), NSCI1000(4), NSCI1010(1), NSCI1020(1), NSCI1030(1), NSCI1050(4), NSCI1060(3), NSCI1061(1), NSCI1070(3), NSCI1071(1), NSCI1110(4), NSCI1120(4), PHIL1050(3), PHYS1000(4), PHYS1030(4), PHYS1050(4), PHYS1060(3), PHYS1061(1), PHYS1070(3), PHYS1071(1), PHYS1120(4), PHYS1140(3), PHYS1201(5), PHYS1202(5), PHYS1231(4), PHYS1232(3), PHYS1400(3), PHYS1410(1), PHYS1450(3), PHYS1460(1), PHYS1601(5), PHYS1602(5)				

Program Courses 26 Credits at Hennepin Technical College

POLC 2225 - Criminal Investigation and
POLC 2230 - Legal Issues and
POLC 2231 - MN Criminal Traffic Codes and
POLC 2235 - Police Report Writing/Interview and
POLC 2241 - Crisis Intervention Human Behavior and
POLC 2262 - In Progress Response and
POLC 2276 - Traffic and
POLC 2281 - Defensive Tactics and
POLC 2285 - Crime Scene Evidence and
POLC 2291 - Firearms and
POLC 2300 - Tactical Driving

Program Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	Credits
College Writing I:				
ENGL 1200	Gateway College Writing or	View-ENGL 1200	n/a	4
ENGL 1201	College Writing I and	View-ENGL 1201	n/a	4
PSYC 1165	Psychology of Adjustment and	View-PSYC 1165	n/a	3
SOC 1110	Introduction to Sociology and	View-SOC 1110	n/a	3
SOC 1710	Introduction to Criminal Justice and	View-SOC 1710	n/a	3
SOC 1720	Police and Community and	View-SOC 1720	n/a	3
SOC 1730	Juvenile Justice and	View-SOC 1730	n/a	3
SOC 1750	Families in Crisis and	View-SOC 1750	n/a	3
SOC 2210	Social Inequality	View-SOC 2210	n/a	3

Total Credits Required

68

Notes

Applicants to the theory based courses of the Professional Licensing Program must complete the nine prerequisite courses, or their equivalent, with at least a C grade (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) in each course and a cumulative GPA of 2.5. US citizenship is not required for admission to the Professional Licensing Program, however, applicants must be US citizens before being hired by a law enforcement agency. Applicants may not be convicted of a crime that would prohibit them from being admitted to the law enforcement program under the rules of the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Program Overview

2023-2024

The Peace Officer / Public Safety Pathway AS offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an AS degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Peace Officer / Public Safety degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

The Minnesota State Universities: Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Program Outcomes

Develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social, and natural worlds, including:

- analyzing the history, organization and functions of the criminal justice system including legal issues, the purpose and function of police, courts, and corrections. (ELO 1)
- interpreting political, cultural and social class forces which impact the police, suspects, victims, and other parties involved in law enforcement, with a focus on conscious and implicit bias. (ELO1)

Develop intellectual and practical skills, including:

- communicating effectively in work situations. (ELO 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e)
- obtaining and refining the necessary skills in interpersonal communication, mathematics, basic crime statistics, and report writing, as these skills relate to public contact and criminal activity. (ELO 2c, 2d, 2e)
- utilizing the intellectual and practical skills necessary to represent a public agency in a professional manner and with cultural competency during routine public contacts, high stress situations, and arrests. (ELO 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e)

Demonstrate personal and social responsibility, including:

- identifying career opportunities in public law enforcement and private security agencies and the attributes that employers are seeking and creating an understanding that employers often require continued higher education, citizenship, and service to others for initial placement and promotion.
- developing a basic understanding of race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender

identification, and social class as related to criminal justice issues. This basic understanding should lead to tolerance, valuing differences, and leading to the acceptance of others.

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- examining race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender identification, and social class as related to criminal justice issues. This examination will follow anti-racist education principles and should lead to acknowledgement of conscious or implicit bias, tolerance, valuing differences, and leading to the acceptance of others. (ELOs 3a, 3b, 3c, 4b)

Demonstrate integrative and applied learning, including:

- assessing the history and application of Criminal Justice with respect to Law Enforcement, as well as its relationship to the other social sciences. (ELOs 3d, 4c, 4d, 4e)
- applying concepts used in the Law Enforcement profession across classes and in their lives. (ELOs 3d, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e)
- analyzing techniques and strategies used in crime investigation, patrol operations, and daily police work to then employ in their future work.

Upon completion of the program, be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program.

Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- **Peace Officer Public Safety Pathway AS Full Time**

Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available at Minnesota State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: careerwise.minnstate.edu and www.bls.gov.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Degree Information

The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is intended for students whose primary goal is to complete the credentials for a specific career and/or prepare for transfer to complete a bachelor's degree at a college or university with whom North Hennepin Community College has an articulation agreement. The A.S. degree provides a balance of general education courses and the required scientific, professional or technical courses in the degree program.

A student shall:

- Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits as required in the program, with a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or above in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College. Specific programs may have additional requirements or a higher minimum grade point average.
- Earn a minimum of 15 semester credits at North Hennepin Community College. A student must complete at least 50% of career specific courses at North Hennepin Community College.
- Earn 30 credits in at least 6 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas.
- Earn 30 professional/technical credits.
- Have four years to complete the graduation requirements as published in the catalog in effect at the time of their initial enrollment. Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog published during the four year period preceding their graduation.

Completion of an A.S. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Courses Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

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Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (hlcommission.org), an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

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