

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:

ENG 131 Writing Experience I
ENG 132 Writing Experience II

GEO 2: Recognize the importance of equity and inclusion in a diverse society (3 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

ANT 131 Cultural Anthropology
COM 250 Intercultural Communication
HIS 211 Minority Groups in America
PLS 262 International Relations

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

Take the following:

MAT 130 Quantitative Reasoning (or higher)

GEO 4: Demonstrate scientific reasoning (4-5 credits)**

Choose one of the following:

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 140 Introduction to 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
SOC 117 Criminology

LAW ENFORCEMENT ELECTIVES (9 CREDITS)

Choose 9 credits from the following:

CRJ 102 Criminal Investigation
CRJ 104 Criminal Justice Psychology
CRJ 108 Criminal Justice Fieldwork – Security
CRJ 112 Crime & Delinquency
CRJ 113 Introduction to Criminalistics
CRJ 116 Fire Investigation I
CRJ 121 Introduction to Corrections
CRJ 203 Field Studies

***We have listed the preferred course option(s) in this category, but other courses may be used to meet this requirement. Your student success navigator will assist you making the best course selection based on your schedule and interests. You can view the complete list of approved GEO courses in the [Jackson College Catalog](#) on pages 14-16.*