

Police Science A.A.S.

Program Description

Designed to prepare the student for a variety of career opportunities in the law enforcement system. This program focuses on the relationship between the police mission and such influences as the courts and the community. The program provides a general education background, as well as preparation for law enforcement work and is designed for professionals who wish to update their knowledge and perspectives on various developments in the fields of law enforcement and criminal justice. The curriculum is accredited by the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) which provides an alternate route to peace officer certification for students desiring a career in police work. This degree transfers in to the BT-ERA degree.

Degree Awarded

Associate in Applied Science

For More Information

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Technical Occupational Specialty

				38 Credit Hours		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1123	Introduction to Law Enforcement & Police Procedures	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1133	Ethics	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1143	Traffic	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1223	Penal Code and Related Criminal Laws	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1313	Patrol Procedures	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1413	Police Community Relations	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2103	Emergency First Aid	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2213	Principles of Investigation and Interview	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2222	Police Records and Reports	2		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2413	Technical Investigations I	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2543	Occupational Proficiency	3		

The following courses are required of C.O.P.S. students. Others will take six (6) credit hours approved by the department.

<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	1211	Firearms	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2111	Defensive Tactics	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2211	Emergency Vehicle Operation	1		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLSC	2253	C.O.P. Survey	3		

Technical Occupational Support and Related

				3 Credit Hours		
	CIS		Any three (3) credit hours of Computer Science			
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR			3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	INDD	1513	Crime Scene Computer-Aided Drafting			

General Education Courses

				24 Credit Hours		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	1113	English Composition I	3		
	ENGL	1213	English Composition II			
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR			3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENGL	2333	Introduction to Technical Report Writing			
	HIST	1483	U.S. History to 1865			
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR			3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	HIST	1493	U.S. History Since 1865			
<input type="checkbox"/>	POLS	1113	American Government	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	POLS	2053	State and Local Government	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	PSYC	1113	Introductory Psychology	3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOC	1113	Introductory Sociology	3		

<input type="checkbox"/>	SPCH	1113	Introduction to Speech Communication			
<input type="checkbox"/>	OR			3		
<input type="checkbox"/>	SPCH	2723	Interpersonal Communication			

Total to Graduate

65 Credit Hours

Student Name: _____

CWID: _____

Counselor: _____

POLICE SCIENCE AAS COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

PLSC 1123 INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND POLICE PROCEDURES

Philosophy of law enforcement; the powers and limitations of the law enforcement officer as revealed in case studies.

PLSC 1133 ETHICS AND PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR IN LAW ENFORCEMENT

This is an introductory course of the science of moral philosophy. The student will explore their professional duties and the rational for them when facing ethical dilemmas in the criminal justice career field.

PLSC 1143 TRAFFIC

Police responsibility in traffic control, organization of traffic and patrol division, routine traffic duties and accident reports. Prerequisite: PLSC 1223 and concurrent enrollment in PLSC 2222.

PLSC 1223 PENAL CODE AND RELATED CRIMINAL LAWS

The legal basis of law enforcement; the penal code, formation of law enforcement bodies, local ordinances and regulatory functions.

PLSC 1313 PATROL PROCEDURES

An examination of the types and methods of patrol activities. Studies include patrol techniques, hazard awareness, decision-making and tactical considerations. Prerequisite: PLSC 1223.

PLSC 1413 POLICE-COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Relationships existing between the police and the community they serve. Emphasis will be placed on the officer's role relative to the community, crime prevention, civil rights and the elements of effective community relations.

PLSC 2103 EMERGENCY FIRST AID

Department of Transportation (DOT) First Responder. Emphasis on emergency care for injuries and response procedures to emergency situations. Successful completion results in certification by the American Heart Association in Basic Life Support and by DOT as First Responders. Lab: two hours per week.

PLSC 2213 PRINCIPLES OF INVESTIGATION AND INTERVIEW

General principles of police investigation, evaluation, processing and assignment of complaints, methods of obtaining evidence and interviewing techniques. Prerequisite: PLSC 1223.

PLSC 2222 POLICE RECORDS AND REPORTS

Organization and operations of centralized records division; study of standard police forms and reports. Concurrent enrollment in PLSC 1143.

PLSC 2413 TECHNICAL INVESTIGATION I

The technical investigator's function and duties in criminal investigation. Areas included are latent fingerprints, casting, ballistics, crime scene photography, and collection and preservation of evidence. Lab: three hours per week. Prerequisite: PLSC 1103, PLSC 2213.

PLSC 2543 OCCUPATIONAL PROFICIENCY

This course is designed to evaluate the graduate's proficiency in their major field of study. Areas to be assessed include communication skills, job interviewing techniques and professional competencies. Prerequisite: student must be within one (1) semester of graduation.

***INDD 1513 CRIME SCENE CAD**

This course will provide an overview of CAD (computer-aided drafting) programs, which may be used to create crime scene sketches. Students will utilize software to create drawings and learn to layer the drawings with dimensions, furnishings and evidence for courtroom presentations.

The following courses are required of COPS students. Others will take six credit hours approved by the department.

PLSC 1211 FIREARMS

Care and use of police firearms, including legal provisions and restrictions. Open only to COP (Collegiate Officer Program) students with permission of department head.

PLSC 2111 DEFENSIVE TACTICS

The study and practice of methods of defense employed by police officers. Lab: three hours per week. Open only to Collegiate Officer Program (COP) students with permission of department head.

PLSC 2211 EMERGENCY VEHICLE OPERATION

The legal aspect of emergency vehicle operation, desirable law enforcement driving behaviors and the proper handling of a vehicle in non-emergency, emergency and pursuit modes. Limited to Collegiate Officer Program (COP) students. Department permission required