

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE-LAW ENFORCEMENT



## PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement graduate, to be able to:

- Communicate effectively
- Conduct investigations
- Demonstrate professionalism
- Demonstrate tactical skills (applies to occupational certifications)
- Interact with others
- Manage emergencies
- Think critically

## CAREER OPTIONS

Civilian Law Enforcement Employee  
Conservation Enforcement  
Correctional Officer  
Deputy Sheriff  
Homeland Security  
Law Enforcement Officer  
Park Ranger  
Private Security  
Public Defender Investigator  
State Trooper  
Telecommunicator

## POTENTIAL FOR ADVANCEMENT

Administration  
Drug Officer  
Investigator  
Safety Officer

**Program Code 10-504-1**

**Expected Program Costs: \$10,500**

**Median Annual Salary: \$30,000**

## OVERVIEW

Are you considering a challenging career in law enforcement? This program provides you with the fundamentals needed to enter the field of law enforcement. Prepare to meet the multitude of challenges in the performance of law enforcement duties. Emphasis is placed on professionalism, integrity and quality work performance, with a significant focus on high ethical and moral standards.

You may be eligible to enter the law enforcement "Certification Track." Successful completion of the Certification Track provides the education and hands-on training required by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board to become certifiable as a law enforcement officer.

Professional responsibilities of a Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement graduate may include methodical patrol duties, traffic control and accident investigation, criminal investigations and crisis intervention.

Some graduates choose to become involved in civilian law enforcement duties such as record and document maintenance and dispatch or communications center operations.

Anyone with a felony conviction or a domestic abuse conviction cannot become a law enforcement officer without a governor's pardon. A lengthy criminal history, mental illness, lack of physical fitness that prevents the applicant from performing essential job functions or numerous moving traffic violations may hinder opportunities for employment.

The Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program is offered at the Wisconsin Rapids campus.

**Mission:** The purpose of the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program is to provide education, training and retraining in the field of law enforcement. The program is designed to enhance opportunities for securing employment, ensure that labor force skills remain abreast of rapidly changing advancements and encourage the pursuit of further education.

Specialty Officer-Crime Prevention  
Supervisor  
Training Officer

*Potential advancement generally requires further education.*

## ADMISSIONS PROCEDURES

To apply to the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program, please submit the following documents to the MSTC Admissions Office:

1. Complete an MSTC application form and return it with the \$30 non-refundable application fee.
2. Complete the Accuplacer or ACT test. Minimum scores required:
  - Reading-Accuplacer score of 79
  - Sentence Skills-Accuplacer score of 85
  - Math-Accuplacer score of 64
  - ACT equivalents for above scores are acceptable.

If a student does not meet the required test scores, they may retest or complete an identified structured course(s) in the Academic Support Center.

- Written Communication, courses in mathematics and some science courses have placement requirements. Please refer to the course description section in the back of the catalog, listed under General Education, for course specific information.
3. Submit an official copy of all academic transcripts, including high school, college or university and HSED/GED.

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500 32nd Street North  
Wisconsin Rapids, WI 54494**

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**PROGRAM COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

**10504108 // 3 credits**

**Intro to Investigation Support Services**

This course focuses on supportive aspects of law enforcement investigations.

The course includes instruction in police photography, fingerprinting, latent fingerprint searching, developing, and lifting. Computer based composite sketching and crime scene sketching are introduced.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504110 // 2 credits**

**Criminal Justice Service Readiness**

This course is intended to assist students in their efforts to secure employment upon graduation. Students will complete a basic resume, cover letter, interview thank-you letter, and a standard law enforcement or corrections application. Students will also prepare for a criminal justice career interview and will participate in a mock interview with current practitioners from law enforcement or corrections agencies.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 105041 or Criminal Justice-Corrections 105042 Program*

**10504125 // 2 credits**

**Patrol Procedures**

Prepares students to demonstrate effective patrol techniques, utilize computer information as well as telecommunication systems available to police agencies. Respond safely and effectively to crime, crime victims, domestic abuse and other mandatory arrest situations. React appropriately to disasters and hazardous materials situations. Students will be exposed to procedures and strategies used while conducting low and high-risk vehicle contacts.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504130 // 3 credits**

**Traffic Theory II**

This course emphasizes the practical application of OWI investigations, traffic accident investigation, and traffic law enforcement. It uses all of the skills from Traffic Theory that are intensely reviewed followed by scenario-based and case study student activities.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041; Traffic Theory 10504908*

**10504151 // 2 credits**

**Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Beginning**

This course will provide the opportunity for students to apply the beginning skills and knowledge learned in foundational criminal justice courses through reality-based training.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504152 // 2 credits**

**Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Intermediate**

This course will provide the opportunity for students to apply the intermediate skills and knowledge learned in the first and second semesters' criminal justice courses, through reality-based training.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041, TASK & Knowledge-Beginning 10504151*

**10504153 // 2 credits**

**Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Advanced**

This course will provide the opportunity for students to apply the advanced skills and knowledge learned in the first three semesters of the criminal justice program, through reality-based training.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041 and TASK-Intermediate 10504152*

**CURRICULUM**

**Term (20 credits)**

10504151	Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Beginning	2
10504900	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
10504902	Criminal Law	3
10504903	Professional Communications	3
10504905	Report Writing	3
10801195	Written Communication	3
10809172	Race, Ethnic & Diversity Studies	3

**Term (15 credits)**

10504108	Intro to Investigation Support Services	3
10504125	Patrol Procedures	2
10504152	Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Intermediate	2
10504904	Juvenile Law	3
10801198	Speech	3
	Elective	2

**Term (19 credits)**

10504110	Criminal Justice Service Readiness	2
10504153	Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Advanced	2
10504906	Criminal Investigation Theory	3
10504907	Community Policing Strategies	3
10504908	Traffic Theory	3
10806112	Principles of Sustainability	3
10809196	Intro to Sociology	3

**Term (14 credits)**

10504130	Traffic Theory II	3
10504154	Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Capstone	2
10504901	Constitutional Law	3
10809143	Microeconomics -or-	
10809144	Macroeconomics	3
10809198	Intro to Psychology	3

**Total Credits 68**

Please Note:

- The Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement program has an August start date. We advise you to meet with an academic advisor or counselor to successfully plan your academic schedule.
- This curriculum sequence is only for student planning. Actual student schedules will vary depending on course availability.
- Degree completion time may vary based on student scheduling and course availability.
- For General Education course descriptions (800 level), see section marked under Course Descriptions.

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## **10504154 // 2 credits** **Tactical Application of Skills & Knowledge-Capstone**

This course will provide the opportunity for students to apply all the skills and knowledge learned throughout the four semesters of the criminal justice-law enforcement program, through reality-based training.

*Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041 and TASK-Advanced 10504153*

## **10504900 // 3 credits** **Introduction to Criminal Justice**

In this course learners will distinguish between the roles and functions of courts with jurisdiction in Wisconsin; differentiate between the roles and functions of federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; apply professional principles as a law enforcement officer; determine modern police functions and policies from an historical perspective; identify the role of law enforcement officers in American society; utilize a decision-making model; identify the characteristics of a good decision maker; describe how professionalism, ethics, and moral standards relate to a law enforcement career; practice a code of behavior; incorporate ethical decision-making strategies; describe how decisions are made; enhance an officer's critical thinking and police problem solving skills; apply principles of critical thinking, decision-making, and problem solving; identify required law enforcement policies; defend the importance of written agency policies; and distinguish between "ministerial" and "discretionary" duties.

This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum: Professional Orientation-4 hours; Policing in a Free Society-4 hours; Ethics-10 hours; Critical Thinking and Problem Solving-10 hours; and Agency Policy-2 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

## **10504901 // 3 credits** **Constitutional Law**

In this course, learners will diagram the structure of the criminal justice system, identify situations where constitutional rules are applicable, identify situations where an officer may use reasonable suspicion to contact a subject, identify the elements of a lawful arrest, identify search-related activities where the 4th amendment is not applicable, identify the requirements that pertain to search warrants, analyze situations where an officer may conduct a search without a warrant, compare the requirements for conducting routine searches with those for searching disabled persons and strip searches, identify the requirements of the laws governing confessions and statements, and analyze the various requirements that evidence must meet before it can be admitted in court. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum: Constitutional Law-30 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

## **10504902 // 3 credits** **Criminal Law**

In this course, learners will identify basic concepts of criminal law; analyze facts, circumstances, and situations to determine which crimes against persons and property have been committed; determine which crimes involving drugs, alcohol or other criminal activity have been committed. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following block of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum: Crimes-12 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041 or Criminal Justice-Corrections Program 105042*

## **10504903 // 3 credits** **Professional Communications**

In this course, the learner will apply knowledge of the communication process, apply communication techniques, integrate verbal and physical intervention skills, develop strategies to obtain information in a variety of situations, differentiate between interview and interrogation, and analyze information for consideration as corroborative evidence. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Professional Communication-24 hours and Interview and Interrogation-6 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

## **10504904 // 3 credits** **Juvenile Law**

In this course, the learner will describe the juvenile justice system, describe the handling of cases of children in need of protection or services, describe the handling of cases of juveniles in need of protection or services or alleged to be delinquent, identify constitutional law issues that are relevant to juveniles, analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to child maltreatment, explain the issues involved in investigating incidents of child victimization, intervene and apply appropriate investigative strategies, describe the roles of other agencies in child maltreatment cases, and recognize the unique investigative issues for missing children. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Juvenile Law-8 hours and Child Maltreatment-8 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041 or Criminal Justice-Corrections Program 105042*

**10504905 // 3 credits**

**Report Writing**

In this course, the learner will explain the context of report writing, take effective field notes, organize information in reports, write narratives, describe what information should be included in certain types of reports, prepare for court, describe how to be an effective witness, and testify as a witness in court. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Report Writing-22 hours and Testifying in Court-8 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504906 // 3 credits**

**Criminal Investigation Theory**

In this course, the learner will describe the role evidence plays in criminal investigations and prosecutions; apply the steps for processing crime scenes; apply appropriate strategies to locate, handle, and package evidentiary items; document the crime scene; recognize the unique investigative issues for crimes against life; apply appropriate strategies to secure the scene, collect and preserve evidence, and investigate a death; recognize the dynamics of victimization; apply knowledge of the definitions and responsibilities for law enforcement; apply appropriate interview techniques with adult or child victims; analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to domestic abuse; intervene and apply appropriate investigative strategies; respond to an officer-involved domestic violence incident; analyze the role of law enforcement in responding to sexual abuse; demonstrate investigative techniques in a simulated sexual assault case; and identify other resources that can assist in sexual assault cases. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Physical Evidence Collection-8 hours; Victims-8 hours; Domestic-12 hours; and Sexual Assault-12 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504907 // 3 credits**

**Community Policing Strategies**

In this course, the learner will identify local community resources, describe the role of an advocacy group in the criminal justice community, demonstrate cultural self-awareness, interpret state and federal laws related to discrimination and diversity, utilize appropriate skills for interacting effectively and professionally with persons from culturally diverse backgrounds and lifestyles, identify and implement personal strategies that take into account cultural differences, identify the types of situations and the characteristics of individuals that are likely to be encountered in crisis management situations, apply Wisconsin statutory requirements and general guidelines regarding emergency detentions and emergency protective placements of persons, identify key concepts and elements associated with law enforcement response to people in crisis, apply crisis intervention principles and techniques, articulate the decision-making process taken to manage persons in crisis, incorporate community policing strategies into the community, illustrate problem-oriented policing strategies, evaluate other policing strategies, and apply principles of crime analysis and prevention. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Community Resources-2 hours, Cultural Competence-8 hours, Crisis Management-16 hours, and Policing Strategies-16 hours.

*Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Program 105041*

**10504908 // 3 credits**

**Traffic Theory**

In this course, the learner will identify local community resources, describe the role of an advocacy group in the criminal justice community, demonstrate cultural self-awareness, interpret state and federal laws related to discrimination and diversity, utilize appropriate skills for interacting effectively and professionally with persons from culturally diverse backgrounds and lifestyles, identify and implement personal strategies that take into account cultural differences, identify the types of situations and the characteristics of individuals that are likely to be encountered in crisis management situations, apply Wisconsin statutory requirements and general guidelines regarding emergency detentions and emergency protective placements of persons, identify key concepts and elements associated with law enforcement response to people in crisis, apply crisis intervention principles and techniques, articulate the decision-making process taken to manage persons in crisis, incorporate community policing strategies into the community, illustrate problem-oriented policing strategies, evaluate other policing strategies, and apply principles of crime analysis and prevention. This course consists of competencies and learning objectives from the following blocks of instruction from the Law Enforcement Standards Board 520 hour Law Enforcement Basic Training Curriculum. Community Resources-2 hours, Cultural Competence-8 hours, Crisis Management-16 hours, and Policing Strategies-16 hours.

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