



Law Enforcement

The Law Enforcement program of study focuses on occupational and educational opportunities associated with the development and enforcement of laws by various branches of law enforcement. This program of study includes the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.

Courses for High School Credit

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| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement I |
| Level 3 | Blocked Courses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Law Enforcement II AND <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Investigation |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Forensic Science Practicum in Law Enforcement |

Aligned Industry-Based Certifications

- IAED Emergency Telecommunicator
- Forensic Technician

Work-Based Learning and Expanded Learning Opportunities

Work-Based Learning Activities

- Shadow a detective to learn about investigations and the role of detectives in law enforcement
- Intern in dispatch at a local law enforcement agency to learn about first responder roles and processes

Expanded Learning Opportunities

- Visit a police department
- Participate in TSA or SkillsUSA



Example Postsecondary Opportunities

Apprenticeships

- Security Specialist

Associate Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Law Enforcement

Bachelor's Degrees

- Forensic Science
- Criminal Justice

Master's, Doctoral, and Professional Degrees

- Criminal Justice
- Criminology and Criminal Justice

Additional Stackable IBCs/Licensures

- Jailer – Basic County Corrections
- Basic Telecommunicator

Example Aligned Occupations

(Based on statewide employment data)



Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers

Median Wage: \$74,014
Annual Openings: 5,461
10-Year Growth: 13%

Detectives and Criminal Investigators

Median Wage: \$89,394
Annual Openings: 1,555
10-Year Growth: 8%

First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

Median Wage: \$105,836
Annual Openings: 526
10-Year Growth: 12%

For more information visit:

<https://tea.texas.gov/academics/college-career-and-military-prep/career-and-technical-education/programs-of-study-additional-resources>





Law Enforcement Course Descriptions:

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security- LAW1000 (1 Credit)

Level: 1
Course Fee: None
Prerequisite: None
GPA Weight: Regular

Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security introduces students to professions in law enforcement, protective services, corrections, firefighting, and emergency management services. Students will examine the roles and responsibilities of police, courts, corrections, private security, and protective agencies of fire and emergency services. The course provides students with an overview of the skills necessary for careers in law enforcement, fire service, protective services, and corrections.

Law Enforcement I- LAW2000 (1 Credit)

Level: 2
Course Fee: None
Prerequisite: None
GPA Weight: Regular

Law Enforcement I is an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will understand the role of constitutional law at local, state, and federal levels; the U.S. legal system; criminal law; and law enforcement terminology and the classification and elements of crime.

Law Enforcement II- LAW3300 (1 Credit)

Level: 3
Course Fee: None
Prerequisite: None
GPA Weight: Regular

Law Enforcement II provides the knowledge and skills necessary to prepare for a career in law enforcement. Students will understand ethical and legal responsibilities, patrol procedures, first responder roles, telecommunications, emergency equipment operations, and courtroom testimony.

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Criminal Investigation- LAW3300 (1 Credit)

Level: 3
Course Fee: None
Prerequisite: None
GPA Weight: Regular

Criminal Investigation is a course that introduces students to the profession of criminal investigations. Students will understand basic functions of criminal investigations and procedures and will learn how to investigate or follow up during investigations. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to criminal investigation, crime scene processing, evidence collection, fingerprinting, and courtroom presentation. Through case studies and simulated crime scenes, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprint analysis, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, shoe and tire impressions, bite marks, drugs, tool marks, firearms and ammunition, blood spatter, digital evidence, and other types of evidence.

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Forensic Science- SCI6600 (1 Credit)

Level: 4
Course Fee: \$15
Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry (IPC or Physics)
GPA Weight: Regular

Forensic Science is a course that introduces students to the application of science to connect a violation of law to a specific criminal, criminal act, or behavior and victim. Students will learn terminology and procedures related to the search and examination of physical evidence in criminal cases as they are performed in a typical crime laboratory. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence such as fingerprints, bodily fluids, hairs, fibers, paint, glass, and cartridge cases. Students will also learn the history and the legal aspects as they relate to each discipline of forensic science and understand that scientific methods of investigation can be experimental, descriptive, or comparative. **Note: This course satisfies a science credit requirement for students on the Foundation High School Program.**

Practicum in Law Enforcement - LAW4000 (2 Credits)

Level: 4
Course Fee: None
Prerequisite: 2 credits in the Program of Study
GPA Weight: Regular

The practicum course is designed to give students supervised practical application of previously studied knowledge and skills in law, public safety, corrections, and security. Practicum experiences can occur in a variety of locations appropriate to the nature and level of experience. Students are encouraged to participate in extended learning experiences such as career and technical student organizations and other leadership or extracurricular organizations.

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