

MN Peace Officer, A.A.S.

Associate of Applied Science Degree (A119)

Required Discipline	23
Electives.....	23
MnTC***	22
Total Credits	68

Required Courses**Required Discipline Courses (23 credits)**

CRJU 2101*	Criminal Law**	3 cr
CRJU 2102*	Criminal Procedures	4 cr
CRJU 2108	Criminal Investigations	3 cr
CRJU 2114	Traffic Law**	3 cr
CRJU 2126	Racial and Ethnic Awareness for Minnesota Peace Officers.....	4 cr
CRJU 2140	Behavioral Science for Peace Officers	3 cr
EMTS 1124	Emergency Medical Responder OR	
Copy of EMR certificate AND	CRJU Elective.....	3 cr

Students must choose a minimum of 23 credits from the following Criminal Justice electives:

CRJU 1106	Corrections & Probation.....	3 cr
CRJU 1108	Community Corrections.....	3 cr
CRJU 1109	Report Writing.....	3 cr
CRJU 1112	Peace Officers and the Community.....	3 cr
CRJU 1125	Personal Protection Awareness.....	2 cr
CRJU 2106	Fitness for Minnesota Peace Officers**	2 cr
CRJU 2110	Topics in Criminal Justice.....	1 cr
CRJU 2135*	Internship	8 cr
CRJU 2160*	Use of Force.....	2 cr
CRJU 2162*	Firearms.....	3 cr
CRJU 2164*	Patrol Practicals	5 cr
CRJU 2166*	Tactical Communications/Relations	2 cr
CRJU 2311	Basic Firearms.....	1 cr
CRJU 2315	Post Prep	1 cr

Required MnTC Courses (22 credits)

***An A.A.S. degree requires a minimum of 15 credits selected from at least three of the ten goal areas of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

COMM 2420	Intercultural Communication (Goals 1,7A,7B) OR	
COMM 2422*	Honors Intercultural	
	Communication (Goals 1,7A,7B).....	3 cr
CRJU 1401	Criminal Justice (Goal 9)	3 cr
CRJU 1404	Juvenile Justice (Goal 9)	3 cr
ENGL 1410*	Composition I (Goal 1) OR	
ENGL 1420*	Honors Composition I (Goal 1)	4 cr
PSYC 2441	Social Psychology (Goals 5,7A)	3 cr
SOCL 2405	Criminology (Goal 5)	3 cr
SOCL 2481	Race, Ethnicity and Oppression (Goals 5,7B)..	3 cr

*Denotes prerequisites

**These courses must be completed prior to the summer SKILLS program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT - 68 CREDITS**Description**

Prepare to become a Minnesota Peace Officer in just two years through this immersive, hands-on program. Designed for students seeking licensure and immediate entry into the workforce, this program emphasizes practical, real-world experiences that build the essential skills needed for a career in law enforcement. You'll engage in challenging, hands-on training, learning the latest techniques and procedures used in the field. Through realistic simulations, scenario-based exercises, and direct interaction with experienced professionals, you'll develop the critical thinking and decision-making skills required to handle the complexities of modern policing. Additionally, the program offers valuable internship opportunities, allowing you to gain firsthand experience in real-world law enforcement settings. By the time you graduate, you'll be fully equipped with the knowledge and practical expertise to start your career as a peace officer.

Outcomes

- Understand the structure, process, and relationships between Minnesota Peace Officers and the correctional system;
- Apply tactical skills, such as weapon safety, defense and arrest tactics, vehicle operation, crisis management, and use of force options;
- Process crime scenes from the preliminary stage through disposition;
- Recognize diversity and cultural differences as a mature, ethical, compassionate, and adaptable citizen while meeting the needs of clients and communities;
- Interpret and apply theory, law, policy, and practice as related to juvenile delinquency and deviant behavior;
- Demonstrate an understanding of the roles of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches and how they relate to criminal law;
- Apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law, and Minnesota traffic laws;
- Demonstrate strong communication skills--both oral and written--along with an understanding of leadership challenges and contributions in various communities that have experienced racial oppression as it intersects with gender, class, sexuality, disability, and other social identities; and
- Prepare as public servants with the fundamental duty to serve and protect the community from harm and respect the constitutional rights of all citizens.

Pre-Program Requirements

Students must complete and pass a background check and Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) with a psychologist approved by the Program Coordinator prior to being officially admitted into the program. The background check and MMPI will be completed during the first week of classes.

Please see the Criminal Justice Coordinator for further information.

Some courses may require students to meet College Placement Levels in reading, writing, and/or math. See an advisor for more information. For insurance purposes, internships may require that students be 18 years old.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to the program requirements, students must meet the following conditions in order to graduate:

- Students must achieve a grade of "C" or higher in all courses required in the program;
- College Cumulative GPA Requirement: cumulative grade point average (GPA) of credits attempted and completed at CLC must be at least 2.0;
- College Technical Core GPA Requirement: cumulative GPA of credits attempted and completed towards the technical core of the diploma or degree must be at least 2.0;
- Residency Requirement: students must complete 25% of their credits at Central Lakes College;
- Courses required for Minnesota P.O.S.T. licensing must be completed within three (3) years of starting the program;
- Students must have a valid Emergency Medical Responder certification (or higher) at the time of the Post Board Exam.

Career & Transfer

This degree is part of the Professional Peace Officer Education Program requirement for Minnesota Peace Officer licensing standards. All coursework is certified by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training and meets the Board's learning objectives. The degree also applies to those interested in other areas of the justice system.

Academic Plan

Individual semester plans are determined between instructor/advisor and student to best meet the needs of the student.