

Law Enforcement

Associate of Applied Science Degree

Career and Technical Program

In addition to the specific Law Enforcement courses, students must take a minimum of 15 credits of A.A.S. general education courses as specified in the program requirements.

This program is designed to train newly-hired law enforcement agency officers, as well as to prepare students who wish to be employed in law enforcement. Students may elect to complete the Basic Technical Certificate, the Intermediate Technical Certificate, or the Associate of Applied Science Degree requirements. This program includes two weeks of pre-academy coursework in which the 90 hours of online materials must be completed and turned in prior to the start of the academy and the 14-week Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) approved Basic Patrol Academy for a total of 16 weeks. To successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy, students will be required to pass all P.O.S.T. requirements for physical fitness, marksmanship, and P.O.S.T. written and certification tests.

This is a selective admissions program and applicants will be required to undergo a complete background check, including fingerprinting, a polygraph examination, a psychological evaluation, and an oral interview. Applicants must also pass P.O.S.T. required medical, vision, and hearing exams, and will be required to pass the P.O.S.T. Physical Readiness Test. Fees for these tests will be the student's responsibility. Upon acceptance into the Basic Patrol Academy, students will be required to purchase and wear Academy and P.T. uniforms while in class.

Admission Procedures

- Applications for the program may be picked up from the Law Enforcement Program Director at the academy in Post Falls. Contact the director for more detailed information and for admission deadlines.
- Applicants must complete an Idaho P.O.S.T. application packet.

Admission Requirements

- Must be a citizen of the United States and attained the 20th birthday by the end of the academy.
- High school diploma, GED, or have completed 15 academic college credits.
- Two or more years of responsible work experience following high school graduation.
- Fingerprint clearance by the Idaho State Police and the FBI. A conviction or withheld judgment for any local, state, or federal crime may be grounds for rejection.
- Valid driver's license from the state of residence with no record of habitual violations (five or more) during the three years immediately preceding application to the Academy. No record of suspension, DUI conviction, or withheld judgment during the two years immediately preceding application to the Academy.
- Medical examinations completed by a licensed medical physician and the medical forms filled out within the last 12 months.
- Meet or exceed the P.O.S.T. vision and hearing standards as listed on the medical forms.
- Pass the P.O.S.T. Physical Fitness Test taken no more than three months prior to the Academy.

- Successfully complete a psychological evaluation conducted by a licensed psychiatrist or clinical psychologist.
- Pass a Police Officer Selection written examination.

Certified Law Enforcement Professionals

Students who successfully complete the Basic Patrol Academy will be given credit for LAWE 250-258.

Program Requirements

Course No.	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENGL-101	English Composition ¹	3
LAW-103	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
POLS-101	American National Government ¹	3
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
		Semester Total 12
Second Semester		
COMM-101	Introduction to Speech Communication ¹	3
ENGL-202	Technical Writing	3
PE-288	First Aid	3
POLS-275	State and Local Government ¹	3
_____	A.A.S. Institutionally Designated ¹	3
		Semester Total 15
Third Semester		
PHIL-103	Ethics	3
PSYC-205	Developmental Psychology	3
or PSYC-211	Abnormal Psychology	(3)
or PSYC-223	Stress Management	(3)
SOC-155	Drug Abuse: Fact, Fiction and the Future	3
or SOC-220	Marriage and Family	(3)
or SOC-251	Race and Ethnic Relations	(3)
or SOC-283	Death and Dying	(3)
_____	A.A.S. Mathematical Ways of Knowing ²	3-5
		Semester Total 12-14
Fourth Semester		
LAW-151	Pre-Academy U.S. Laws	1
LAW-152	Pre-Academy Officer Investigation and Procedures	1
LAW-250	Self Defense	2
LAW-251	Basic Police Law	3
LAW-252	Professional Orientation for Peace Officers	2
LAW-253	Police Procedures	4
LAW-254	Patrol Procedures	2
LAW-255	Field Skills for Patrol Officers	1
LAW-256	Investigation	3
LAW-257	Enforcement Skills	2
LAW-258	Police Physical Fitness	1
		Semester Total 22
		Program Total 61-63

Notes:

- Satisfies the A.A.S. degree general education requirements listed on page 50.
- Mathematics requirement includes any math course that is MATH 123 or higher and meets the A.A.S. degree requirements listed on page 50.