

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

## Law and Public Service Endorsement



The Law Enforcement program of study teaches students about the development of, adherence to, and protection of various branches of law. Students may learn how to appropriately and legally respond to breaches in the law according to statutory rules and regulations as well as investigate how and why the breaches occurred.

To complete the Program of Study, students must earn four credits in the Program of Study and one of the credits must be an Advanced Level course.

HIGH SCHOOL/INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION	CERTIFICATE/LICENSE*	ASSOCIATES DEGREE	BACHELOR'S DEGREE	MASTER'S/DOCTORAL PROFESSIONAL DEGREE	OCCUPATIONS	MEDIAN WAGE	ANNUAL OPENINGS	% GROWTH
Non-Commissioned Security Officer Level II	Law Enforcement Officer	Criminal Justice/Safety Studies/Law Enforcement Administration			Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers	\$60,112	5,241	13%
	Private Investigator/Security Guard	Criminal Justice/Police Science			Probation Officers and Correctional Treatment Officers	\$44,054	793	9%
	Code Enforcement Officer	Corrections	Juvenile Corrections		Correctional Officers and Jailers	\$40,186	4,683	9%
	Certified Law Enforcement Planner	Criminalistics and Criminal Science	Cyber/Computer Forensics and Counterterrorism	Natural Resources Law Enforcement and Protective Services	Immigration and Customs Inspectors	\$78,104	1,236	9%
Additional industry based certification information is available from the TEA CTE website.					First-Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives	\$91,312	253	25%
For more information on postsecondary options for this program of study, visit TXCTE.org.					<b>WORK BASED LEARNING AND EXPANDED LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES</b>			
					<b>Exploration Activities:</b> Texas Public Service Association; criminal justice clubs	<b>Work Based Learning Activities:</b> Attend court hearings and other legal procedures.		

### Courses in this Program of Study

#### PRINCIPLES OF LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, AND SECURITY

Course # 07099000

Prerequisite: None

Recommended Grade Placement 9

1 CREDIT

This course is designed to give students hands-on application in the Programs of Study of Law and Public Services. Topics include: Law Enforcement, Criminal Investigation, Court Systems, and Emergency Response.

**LAW ENFORCEMENT I**

Course # 072529110

**Recommended Grade Placement 10-11****1 CREDIT**

Law Enforcement I is an overview of the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. This course includes the role of constitutional law, the United States legal system, criminal law, law enforcement terminology, and the classification and elements of crime. Students can pursue national certifications in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and CERT (The Community Emergency Response Team) Program.

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION**

Course # 07229105

**Recommended Grade Placement 10-11****1 CREDIT**

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.

**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES**

Course # 07229200

**Recommended Grade Placement 10-11****1 CREDIT**

In Correctional Services, students prepare for certification required for employment as a correctional officer. The student will learn the role and responsibilities of a correctional officer; discuss relevant rules, regulations, and laws; and discuss defensive tactics, restraint techniques, and first aid procedures as used in the correctional setting. The student will analyze rehabilitation and alternatives to institutionalization. Students can pursue national certifications in CPR (Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation) and CERT (The Community Emergency Response Team) Program.

**FORENSIC SCIENCE (approved by the State Board of Education for 4<sup>th</sup> science credit)**

Course # 07229300

**Prerequisite: Biology and Chemistry****Recommended Grade Placement 11 - 12****1 CREDIT**

Forensic Science is a course that uses a structured and scientific approach to the investigation of crimes of assault, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, accidental death, homicide, and the psychology of criminal behavior. Students will learn terminology and investigative procedures related to crime scene, questioning, interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection, and scientific procedures used to solve crimes. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence through case studies and simulated crime scenes such as fingerprint analysis, ballistics, and blood spatter analysis. Students will learn the history, legal aspects, and career options for forensic science.

**FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY****Course #****Recommended Grade Placement 10-11****1 CREDIT**

Forensic psychology is found at the intersection between psychology and the criminal justice system. It involves understanding criminal law in the relevant jurisdictions in order to be able to interact within the criminal justice system. It utilizes and applies basic skills developed in psychology and criminal scenarios resulting in a structured and scientific approach to investigative analysis; thereby, enabling police and law enforcement officials to predict criminal activity via scientific analysis rather than intuition. Students will learn basic structured psychological investigative techniques in question building, interviewing, criminal behavior characteristics, truth detection methodology, research methods, statistical analysis and probability forecasting.

**PRACTICUM IN LAW, PUBLIC SAFETY, CORRECTIONS, AND SECURITY**

**Prerequisite: At least two credits in Law Enforcement Pathway**

**Recommended Grade Placement 12**

**2 CREDITS**

The practicum course is a paid or unpaid capstone experience for students participating in a coherent sequence of career and technical education courses in the Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security Career Cluster. Students shall be awarded two credits for successful completion of this course. A student may repeat this course once for credit provided that the student is experiencing different aspects of the industry and demonstrating proficiency in additional and more advanced knowledge and skills.

**Recommended Sequence of Courses (Prerequisites noted in course descriptions)**

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<b>Entry Level Courses</b>	<b>Advanced Courses</b>
<b>Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security</b>	<b>Correctional Services</b>
<b>Law Enforcement I</b>	<b>Forensic Psychology</b>
<b>Criminal Investigations</b>	<b>Forensic Science</b>
	<b>Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security</b>



**LEGAL STUDIES**

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The Legal Studies program of study introduces students to the occupations and educational opportunities related to representing clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings, as well as assisting lawyers and preparing legal documents. This program of study explores possible specializations in a single area of law.

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