

# LAW ENFORCEMENT, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AAS

## Program Code: Law Enforcement-AAS

### Program Description

TMCC's Associate of Applied Science, Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement is designed for students wishing to explore or enter a highly rewarding career in the criminal justice system. The AAS in law enforcement provides students with a strong foundation for careers in law enforcement, probation, investigations, corrections, and corporate security (<https://www.tmcc.edu/criminal-justice>).

The Associate of Applied Science in law enforcement is designed as a practitioner oriented and possibly terminal degree. This degree is not intended as a university transfer degree for those students who wish to continue on to complete their bachelor degree. Students interested in university transfer should instead major in the Associate of Arts in criminal justice degree.

The AAS in law enforcement allows students a greater opportunity to select and customize their educational experience around their specific interests in criminal justice. The AAS degree is preparation for and can lead to the Bachelors of Applied Science (BAS) in Emergency Management.

Criminal Justice Career Map (<https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/>)

### Recommended Course Schedule

| 1st semester                                       |   | Units     |
|--|---|-----------|
| English <sup>1,2</sup>                             |   | 3         |
| Mathematics <sup>1,2</sup>                         |   | 3         |
| CRJ 104  | Introduction to Administration of Justice                     | 3         |
| CRJ 106  | Introduction to Corrections                                   | 3         |
| or CRJ 164   | or Introduction to Criminal Investigation                     |           |
| COM 113  | Fundamentals of Speech Communications                         | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                              |   | <b>15</b> |
| 2nd semester                                       |   | Units     |
| ENG 102  | Composition II  | 3         |
| or ENG 114   | or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students |           |
| CRJ 211  | Police in America: An Introduction                            | 3         |
| CRJ 164  | Introduction to Criminal Investigation                        | 3         |
| or CRJ 106   | or Introduction to Corrections                                |           |
| Human Relations <sup>1,2</sup>                     |   | 3         |
| Science <sup>1,2</sup>                             |   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                              |   | <b>15</b> |
| 3rd semester                                       |   | Units     |
| CRJ 222  | Criminal Law and Procedure                                    | 3         |
| Electives <sup>2</sup>                             |   | 6         |
| Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science <sup>1,2</sup> |   | 3         |
| U.S. and Nevada Constitution <sup>1</sup>          |   | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>                              |   | <b>15</b> |

#### 4th semester

|                        |                             |           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| CRJ 270                | Introduction to Criminology | 3         |
| or CRJ 289             | or Law and Justice          |           |
| Electives <sup>2</sup> |                             | 9         |
| Diversity <sup>1</sup> |                             | 3         |
| <b>Semester Total</b>  |                             | <b>15</b> |
| <b>Total Units</b>     |                             | <b>60</b> |

<sup>1</sup> See approved General Education list for the AAS Degree. (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>)

<sup>2</sup> See program recommendations or requirements.

### Program Requirements

AAS degrees are generally non-transfer degrees designed for students to enter the workforce.

To earn an AAS degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AAS (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

| Code                                       | Title  | Units |
|--|--|-------|
| <b>General Education Requirements</b>      |  |       |
| <i>Communications/English</i>              |  | 6     |
| Recommended:                               |  |       |
| ENG 101                                    | Composition I  |       |
| or ENG 100                                 | Composition Enhanced   |       |
| or ENG 113                                 | Composition I for International and Multilingual Students    |       |
| Required:                                  |  |       |
| ENG 102                                    | Composition II   |       |
| or ENG 114                                 | Composition II For International and Multilingual Students   |       |
| <i>Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science</i> |  | 3     |
| Recommended:                               |  |       |
| PHIL 135                                   | Introduction to Ethics                                       |       |
| or PSY 101                                 | General Psychology   |       |
| or SOC 101                                 | Principles of Sociology                                      |       |
| <i>Mathematics</i>                         |  | 3     |
| Recommended:                               |  |       |
| MATH 120                                   | Fundamentals of College Mathematics (or higher) <sup>4</sup> |       |
| or BUS 117                                 | Business Calculations and Methods                            |       |
| or MATH 100                                | Math for Allied Health and Public Safety Programs            |       |
| <i>Science</i>                             |  | 3     |
| Recommended:                               |  |       |
| BIOL 100                                   | General Biology for Non-Majors                               |       |
| or DATA 101                                | Introduction to Data Science                                 |       |
| or NUTR 121                                | Human Nutrition  |       |
| <i>Human Relations</i>                     |  | 3     |

Recommended:

|            |   |
|------------|---|
| EPY 101    | Educational, Career, and Personal Development |
| or MGT 171 | Supervision and Human Relations               |
| or PSY 102 | Psychology of Personal and Social Adjustment  |

**Additional College Requirements**

|           |   |
|-----------|---|
| Diversity | 3 |
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| U.S. and Nevada Constitutions | 3 |
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**Degree Requirements**

|            |   |   |
|------------|---|---|
| COM 113    | Fundamentals of Speech Communications     | 3 |
| CRJ 104    | Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 106    | Introduction to Corrections               | 3 |
| CRJ 164    | Introduction to Criminal Investigation    | 3 |
| CRJ 211    | Police in America: An Introduction        | 3 |
| CRJ 222    | Criminal Law and Procedure                | 3 |
| CRJ 270    | Introduction to Criminology               | 3 |
| or CRJ 289 | Law and Justice                           |   |

*Elective Requirements:*

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|---|----|
| Select 15 units from the following courses or Training Credits. | 15 |
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| POST Training Credits |  |
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Any courses from CRJ

|          |   |
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| APST 207 | Practical Statistics (Practical Statistics)     |
| COT 101  | Computer Keyboarding I                          |
| CPD 116  | Substance Abuse-Fundamental Facts and Insights  |
| CRJ 260  | 911 Dispatch Emergency Telecommunicator Academy |
| EMHS 200 | ICS/NIMS/EOC                                    |

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| <b>Total Units</b> | <b>60</b> |
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PSLO5: Identify various theories on crime policy and criminality and describe the historical and current challenges facing the law enforcement profession.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to the Transfer Credit Policy on Evaluation of Previous Training and Education (<https://catalog.tmcc.edu/rules-regulations/transfer-credit-policy-evaluation-previous-training-education/>). (Section 3, VII. Other Recognized Sources)

<sup>4</sup> MATH 120 or higher is required for the BAS, Emergency Management.

## Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Identify the roles and areas of responsibilities of the various criminal justice entities including law enforcement, policing, prosecution, courts and community corrections.

PSLO2: Describe how the rights and protections granted under the US Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights shape criminal justice procedure and the functions of the criminal justice system.

PSLO3: Explain the process of conducting a professional criminal investigation, the process of an arrest and pretrial detention, criminal trial procedures, and possible sanctions after conviction.

PSLO4: Describe the historical origin of the law enforcement profession and its evolution to modern day policing, including the political, social, and cultural influences behind organizational and procedural changes.