The law enforcement program is designed for individuals seeking a professional career in criminal justice and law enforcement. It is open to in-service students who wish to improve their basic education, and to pre-service students who may be interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement.

In order to enter the police profession, applicants should be aware that height, visual and other physical and mental standards are set by law enforcement agencies. Students should be aware that some criminal convictions prevent licensure as a peace officer. Law enforcement students should consider these standards.

**Admission to Major.** **Option I** is granted by the department. Admission to Option I requires satisfaction of departmental GPA and course prerequisites as well as POST Board documentation. Since these requirements are subject to change, students should contact the Political Science/Law Enforcement Department Office for current admission requirements. Both academic and physical agility standards are course requirements, for which passing grades are necessary to graduate Option I (pre-professional).

**Admission to Major.** **Option II** is granted by the department. Contact the department for application procedures.

**POLICIES/INFORMATION**

**GPA Policy.** Students seeking to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in law enforcement (either option) must have accrued a 2.6 grade-point average in their major and earn a grade of "C" or better in POLS 111.

**P/N Grading Policy.** All law enforcement classes (both options and minor) except LAWE 492 must be taken for a grade.

**Repeated Course Policy.** Students majoring in law enforcement (either option) may not repeat a course more than once, and no more than three different LAWE classes (including those accepted as transfer credits) may be repeated within a five year period.

**Minimum Courses Policy.** All students (including transfer students) majoring in Law Enforcement (either option) must take a minimum of five (5) different LAWE classes at Minnesota State Mankato for a total of not less than fifteen (15) credit hours.

All students (including transfer students) seeking a minor in law enforcement must take a minimum of three (3) different LAWE classes at Minnesota State Mankato for a total of not less than nine (9) credit hours.

**Minnesota Licensure.** The student must successfully complete the Option I program and an integrated “skills” program, and meet other P.O.S.T. Board and Minnesota State Mankato requirements before being approved to take the P.O.S.T. Board licensure examination. This includes being certified in first aid and CPR (First Responder or EMT currently qualify). Only graduates of certified two and four year academic programs that also meet the requirements of the “skills” program providers may enter an integrated skills program. The licensure examination is administered by P.O.S.T. and covers those items included in the P.O.S.T. Board academic and skills learning objectives. **Note: Since P.O.S.T. Board rules change from year to year we advise students to contact the program director for current rules regarding licensure.**

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT BA, BS**

**Required General Education (3 credits)**

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**Required for Major (Option I or Option II)**

All students, including transfer students, must complete a minimum of 15 credits in Law Enforcement from Minnesota State Mankato to receive a major (Option I or Option II) in the Law Enforcement program.

There are two different options for the law enforcement degree. The Option I program is certified as meeting the academic learning objectives of the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (P.O.S.T.) Board. Option II is designed for students who do not wish to take the P.O.S.T. Board Certification Test in Minnesota.

**OPTION I (PRE-PROFESSIONAL)**

Leads to Minnesota Licensure when combined with Skills Component.

**Required for Option I (Core, 44 credits)**

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Successfully apply for admission to Option I program before taking 300-400 level classes. See Law Enforcement Office for details.

**Required for Option I (Electives, 12 credits)**

6 credits of LAWE electives, 3 at the 300/400 level; 6 credits of electives from the following departments:

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**Required for Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree ONLY: Language (8)**

**Total Credits Required for Major (56 credits)**

**Required Minor: None**
LAWE 131 (3) Introduction to Law Enforcement
The course provides a survey of the institutions and processes of the criminal justice system with an emphasis on the role of law enforcement agencies in a free society. Political theories of justice are explored with theories of crime causation.
Fall, Spring
LAWE 336 (3) Advanced Criminal Investigation  
A survey of methods and techniques for the investigation of major crimes.  
Pre: LAWE 233  
Variable

LAWE 343 (4) Police Emergency Response Procedure  
This course will cover the crisis intervention aspects of law enforcement from  
the perspectives of officer safety, communications, persuasion, problem solving  
and interpersonal relations. It will start with the fundamentals and build skills in  
the areas of working with emotionally distraught individuals, death notifications,  
suicide, dispute intervention, and interpersonal problem solving.  
Fall, Spring

LAWE 393 (1-4) Issues in Law Enforcement  
An examination of issues facing law enforcement today in constantly changing  
legal, social and cultural environments. Topics will vary and may be repeated  
for credit.  
Pre: LAWE 131  
Variable

LAWE 340 (4) Tactical Communications  
This course integrates officer safety and procedures with the role of street com-  
munications. The class starts with the basic elements of fitness, the dynamics and  
legalities of force, and the theory and fundamentals of structured communica-  
tion. These themes and skills are then integrated into routine law enforcement  
scenarios.  
Pre: LAWE 343, and admission to Option I or consent of instructor  
Fall, Spring

LAWE 431 (3) Police Patrol: Theory/Practice  
Provides students with specific procedures for handling various types of routine  
calls and situations and provides a base for handling those incidents which are  
not routine. Emphasizes critical thinking skills through discussion, assignments  
and evaluations.  
Pre: Junior or senior standing  
Fall, Spring

LAWE 432 (3) Minnesota Criminal Code (criminal code and traffic law)  
An extensive study of Chapter 609, Minnesota Criminal Code, and traffic law.  
Pre: LAWE 231, admission to Option I or consent  
Fall, Spring

LAWE 433 (3) Senior Seminar  
This is the capstone course for LAWE Option 1 and will include such topics as  
P.O.S.T. License review, ethics and interviewing skills.  
Fall, Spring

LAWE 434 (3) Comparative Criminal Justice System  
A comparison of criminal justice philosophies, structures, and procedures found  
in various countries around the world. Same as POL 449.  
Variable

LAWE 435 (3) Jurisprudence  
Philosophy and sources of law. Schools of legal philosophy and types of legal  
thinking. Emphasis is placed on Classical Natural Law, Analytical Legal Positiv-  
ism, Legal Realism and Critical Legal Studies. Same as POL 452.  
Fall

LAWE 436 (3) Civil Liberties  
Review of selected United States Supreme Court decisions interpreting important  
freedoms contained in the Bill of Rights and the 14th Amendment. Focus is on the  
rationale which underlies decisions and its impact on American political social  
processes. Provides an opportunity to exercise and develop individual analytical  
abilities through analysis of Court’s reasoning. Same as POL 454.  
Variable

LAWE 437 (3) Judicial Process  
An examination of the structure, jurisdiction and processes of federal and state  
courts. Emphasis is placed on selection of judges and justices and on the dynamics  
of judicial decision-making. Same as POL 475.  
Variable

LAWE 438 (3) Terrorism & Political Violence  
History, philosophy, techniques and countermeasures to terroristic and law  
intensity threats to public order. Both domestic and international terror. The  
blurring of the lines between low intensity conflict/terrorism and multinational  
high intensity crime. Same as POL 425.  
Variable

LAWE 439 (3) Police Administration & Planning  
An examination of emerging administrative and management concepts and the  
processes related to their implementation.  
Variable

LAWE 491 (1-5) Topics in Law Enforcement  
This course explores topics in law enforcement beyond what is covered in the  
existing curriculum. Students study specialized topics of current importance in  
the field. Specific topics will change depending on the term and instructor. May  
be retaken with a change of topic.  
Variable

LAWE 492 (1-8) Internship  
Field placement with a law enforcement agency or related organization. Provides  
a learning experience in which the student can integrate and apply knowledge  
and theory derived from curriculum. P/N only.  
Variable

LAWE 493 (1-3) Individual Study  
Advanced study and research on topics not currently available in existing  
courses. May be repeated with a change of topic. Requires advisor and instruc-  
tor approval of topic.  
Variable