

POLICING STUDIES

The Policing Studies Program is a pre-professional program accredited by the Minnesota Board of Peace Officers Standard and Training (POST) that is designed to prepare students to successfully meet the requirements to take the state licensure exam in order to obtain employment as a peace officer in the State of Minnesota. The faculty have a vast array of academic and professional experiences and work diligently to ensure the program produces the best-prepared graduates in the state.

PROGRAMS



DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

- Bachelor of Science in Policing Studies
- Policing Studies Minor
- Policing Studies Certificate

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Policing Studies program offers students an accredited Bachelor of Science degree to pursue employment or a minor to explore the field of study. The Policing Studies BS is designed for individuals seeking a professional career as a peace officer in a law enforcement or related agency. This program meets the academic requirements to be eligible to be licensed in the State of Minnesota.

REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS



SKILLS AND TALENTS

- Communication Skills
- Critical Thinking
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Decision Making
- Leadership
- Ethical

CAREERS

- Border Patrol/Customs Agent
- Corrections
- Detective/Crime Scene Investigator
- Criminologist
- Peace Officer
- Private Security

EMPLOYERS

- Blue Earth County
- City of Mankato
- Mall of America
- Minnesota Army National Guard
- Minnesota State Patrol
- Securitas

INSPIRED ACTION



EMPLOYMENT RATE

93.6%
of program graduates
begin their careers within
one year of graduation.

Graduates: 340
Respondents: 252
link.mnsu.edu/graduate-follow-up

MEDIAN SALARY

\$69,160

The median annual wage for Police and Detectives in May 2022.

Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, Police and Detectives, at link.mnsu.edu/policing-studies-salary

PROGRAM WEBSITE



hss.mnsu.edu/policing-studies

SAMPLE FOUR-YEAR PLAN - POLICING STUDIES, BS

First Year (Fall)	First Year (Spring)
CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (3) SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3) POL 111 United States Government (4) CJ 231 Criminal Law & Procedures (4)	CJ 202 Community Relations and Peacekeeping (3) CJ 233 Criminal Investigation (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (4)
Second Year (Fall)	Second Year (Spring)
CJ 232 Minnesota Laws, Rules, and Statutes (3) CJ 242 Peace Officers and Human Behavior (3) General Education Course (3) General Education Course (3) Writing Intensive Course (3)	CJ 255 Juvenile Delinquency & Justice (3) CJ 310 Research Methods in Criminal Justice & Criminology (3) CJ 331 Peace Officer Stress and Wellness (3) General Education Course (3) Diverse Cultures Course (3)
Third Year (Fall)	Third Year (Spring)
CJ 321 Victims/Survivors Criminal Justice Response (3) CJ 322 Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society I (3) DJ 371 Criminal Justice Community Experiences (1) Elective Course in Major (3) General Education Course (3) General Elective Course (3)	CJ 332W Peace Officer Communication Techniques (3) CJ 401 Advanced Crime Theory & Prevention (3) CJ 432 Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society II (3) Elective Course in Major (3) General Education Course (3)
Fourth Year (Fall)	Fourth Year (Spring)
HP 103 Fitness for Living (1) CJ 371 Criminal Justice Community Experiences (1) CJ 402 Criminal Justice Ethics and Leadership (3) CJ 430W Peace Officer Technical Writing (3) General Elective Course (3) General Education Course (4)	CJ 433 Peace Officer Senior Seminar (1) General Elective Course (12)

For more information about program requirements, visit:
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