Associate of Applied Science
POLICE SCIENCE 2012-2014

This program is designed specifically to allow police officers who have completed the New Mexico Law Enforcement Academy to complete an associate degree within the field of law enforcement.

When students apply to Northern for this major, they must supply the Registrar a copy of their Law Enforcement Academy certificate of completion in order to obtain credit for the training.


Area I. Communications (6 cr)
- ENG 111 English Composition I (3)
- SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)

Areas II and III. Mathematics/Computers/Laboratory Science (6 cr)
- BCIS 102 Computer Literacy (3)
- MATH 145 Intro to Probability & Statistics (3)

Area IV. Social/Behavioral Sciences (6 cr)
- PSCI 210 State and Local Government (3)
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (3)

Area V. Humanities and Fine Arts (6 cr)
- HUM 100 FYE: History and Culture of Northern New Mexico (3)
- PHIL 220 Ethics (3)

Area VI. Library Technology (1 cr)
- LT 101 Library Research Skills (1)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (43 CR)
- CJ 228 Forensic Investigation (3)
- ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)
- SOC 140 Sociology of Alcohol & Substance Abuse (3)
- SPAN 100, 101/102 or 111/112 (3)

NM Law Enforcement Academy Certification
which includes credit for the following courses (31 cr):
- CJ 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice (4)
- CJ 201 Criminal Law (3)
- HPER Electives (2) [meets graduation requirement]
- SOC 213 Deviant Behavior (3)

Law Enforcement Electives (19):
- LE 130 Patrol, Communications, and Investigations (6)
- LE 235 Traffic Enforcement and Accident Investigation (3)
- LE 236 Police Proficiency I (3)
- LE 237 Police Proficiency II (3)
- LE 238 Police Proficiency III (3)
- LE 239 First Responder for Law Enforcement (1)

TOTAL CREDITS: 68