

Police Science

Police Science–Corrections

Associate of Applied Science Degree
Sioux City Campus

Program Overview and Opportunities:

The Corrections program is designed for the student who wishes to work in the field of corrections or take classes to transfer to a four-year institution. The graduate will be prepared for positions in law enforcement as well as positions with private security, corrections, juvenile work, and private investigation.

To be accepted into the program, students must achieve the following scores on the Computerized Placement Test (CPT): 80 percent Reading; 86 percent Sentence Structure; 56 percent Arithmetic or 38 percent Elementary Algebra.

Employment trends show the demand for correctional officers to increase by 16 percent between 2006 and 2016. Median annual earnings of correctional officers and jailers were \$35,760 in May 2006. Median annual earnings in the public sector were \$47,750 in the Federal Government, \$36,140 in State government, and \$34,820 in local government. Employment trends show the demand for probation officers to increase by 16 percent between 2006 and 2016. Median annual earnings of probation officers and correctional treatment specialists in May 2006 were \$42,500. (Bureau of Labor Statistics)

Are You a Part-time Student?

The following courses could be taken on a part-time basis before acceptance into the Police Science–Corrections program. Some of these courses are offered online.

Refresher reading, English, or math course if CPT scores warrant; CRJ 100, PSY 111, PSY 241, ENG 105, MAT 772, SPC 122, CSC 110, and EMS 110. Please see a program advisor to develop an individualized plan of study.

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Police Science–Corrections Curriculum

Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 133	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Investigation	1
PSY 111	Intro to Psychology	3
CRJ 120	Intro to Corrections	3
CRJ 201	Juvenile Delinquency	3
MAT 772	Applied Math OR	
MAT 121	College Algebra (4)	3
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
ENG 105	Composition I	3
CRJ 262	Fingerprint Technology	2
CRJ 223	Correctional Administration	3
CRJ 101	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 144	Police Photography	2
CRJ 200	Criminology	3
CRJ 217	Selective Drug Enforcement	2
EMS 114	Emergency Medical Responder*	2
CRJ 224	Correctional Institutions	3
Elective	General Education Electives	6
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication	3
PSY 241	Abnormal Psychology	3
CRJ 221	Probation and Parole	3
CRJ 131	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CRJ 220	Community-Based Corrections	3
Elective	General Education Elective	3
TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS		69

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Police Science–Forensics Investigation

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Program Overview and Opportunities:

This unique program covers a continuum of forensic and criminalistics inquiries, from initial and subsequent crime scene investigations to evidence examination and analyses to criminal legal proceedings.

To be accepted into the program, students must achieve the following scores on the Computerized Placement Test (CPT): 80 percent Reading; 86 percent Sentence Structure; 56 percent Arithmetic or 38 percent Elementary Algebra.

Students will acquire an in-depth understanding of the scientific methods underlying forensic investigations. Use of case studies and practical laboratory exercises fosters examinations of how forensic science influences the outcomes of investigative and legal processes.

Attorneys, police officers, case workers, public defenders, insurance investigators, authors, physicians, nurses, private investigators, and other professionals in fields related to forensics will find this program challenging and rewarding.

Graduates of this program may seek employment as entry-level crime scene technicians or transfer to a four-year institution.

Employment in this field is expected to grow faster than average with estimated openings increasing by 31 percent from 2006-2016. The median hourly salary for Forensic Science Technicians is \$21.79/hour in 2006. Occupational Outlook Handbook - Bureau of Labor Statistics.

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Police Science– Forensics Investigation Curriculum

Course #	Title	Credits
ENG 105	Composition I	3
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Investigation	1
CRJ 110	Patrol Procedures	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
CRJ 133	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 131	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CRJ 262	Fingerprint Technology	2
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
CRJ 101	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
CRJ 210	Law Enforcement Management	3
CRJ 260	Medicolegal Death Investigation	3
BIO 116	General Biology IB	4
CHM 166	General Chemistry I OR	
BIO 169	Anatomy and Human Physiology IA w/Lab	4
ART 184	Photography	3
CRJ 144	Police Photography	2
CRJ 241	Applied Criminalistics	2
SOC 200	Minority Group Relations OR	
CRJ 200	Criminology	3
MAT 121	College Algebra	4
SPC 122	Interpersonal Communication	3
FLS 100	Spanish for Professionals: Law Enforcement OR	
FLS 141	Elementary Spanish I (4)	1
CRJ 243	Traffic Collision Investigation	2
Program Total		65

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Refresher reading, English, math or science course if CPT scores warrant; CRJ 100, PSY 111, ENG 105, MAT 121, SOC 110, BIO 116, CHM 166, ART 184, SOC 200, SPC 122, FLS 100, FLS 141, and CSC 110. Please see a program advisor to develop an individualized plan of study.

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Police Science Technology

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Program Overview and Opportunities:

The Police Science Technology program provides students with classroom, laboratory, and hands-on training as preparation for entry into law enforcement. To be accepted into the program, students must achieve the following scores on the Computerized Placement Test (CPT): 80 percent Reading; 86 percent Sentence Structure; 56 percent Arithmetic or 38 percent Elementary Algebra.

Traditional classroom academic education is combined with laboratory courses and the practical application of learned skills to prepare students for job entry. Although traditional law enforcement careers are the goal of most entering students, other available options include positions with private security, corrections, juvenile work, and private investigation. Students may elect to continue their education in colleges accepting transfer credits.

Positions available for students greatly exceed the number of graduates from the program. The placement rate of graduates has remained at 85 percent throughout the lifetime of the program. Increasing national population and unresolved and complex social problems indicate a constant and ever-increasing demand for law enforcement personnel.

Law enforcement officers typically: provide for public safety by maintaining order, responding to emergencies, protecting people and property, enforcing motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promoting good community relations; identify, pursue, and arrest suspects and perpetrators of criminal acts; record facts to prepare reports that document incidents and activities; review facts of incidents to determine if criminal act or statute violations were involved; render aid to accident victims and other persons requiring first aid for physical injuries; testify in court to present evidence or act as witness in traffic and criminal cases; evaluate complaint and emergency-request information to determine response requirements.

Employment trends show the demand for security officers, police and sheriff's deputies increasing by 17 percent until 2014. Iowa salaries for security officers range from \$10 to \$17/hour with 36 percent of the jobs requiring some college. Salaries for police and deputies range from \$23 to \$35/hour, with 50 percent of the positions requiring some college or a degree. (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2006-2007)

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CRJ 133	Constitutional Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 201	Juvenile Delinquency	3
PEA 148	Physical Fitness I	2
CRJ 140	Criminal Investigation	1
CRJ 113	Field Strategies	3
PSY 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
CRJ 262	Fingerprint Technology	2
CRJ 101	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
ENG 105	Composition I	3
CRJ 210	Law Enforcement Management	3
MAT 772	Applied Math	3
CRJ 150	Defensive Tactics	1
CSC 110	Introduction to Computers	3
CRJ 280	Police Science Practicum I	2
CRJ 200	Criminology	3
CRJ 253	Basic Firearms	3
CRJ 110	Patrol Procedures	3
CRJ 144	Police Photography	2
EMS 114	Emergency Medical Responder*	2
CRJ 217	Selective Drug Enforcement	2
CRJ 241	Applied Criminalistics	2
CRJ 120	Intro to Corrections	3
CRJ 255	Advanced Firearms	3
CRJ 243	Traffic Collision Investigation	2
CRJ 281	Police Science Practicum II	2
CRJ 231	Traffic Law	3
CRJ 131	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
Program Total		71

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