

LAE - LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

LAE 100 1 credit hours (lecture: 1 | lab: 0)

Preparation for Law Enforcement Entrance Examination

Course instructs police officer candidates about all aspects of hiring process. Content includes how to locate job opportunities; properly complete job applications; take written physical, psychological, and medical examinations; and prepare for oral interview by Police and Fire Commissioners.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face

LAE 101 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Course studies history, development, operation and philosophy of American criminal justice system. Content includes legislative, police, prosecutor, courts and corrections agencies involved in administration of criminal justice; current issues and trends; juvenile justice system and career opportunities.

IAI Major: CRJ 901

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 121 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Police Organization and Administration

Course studies organization and management of law enforcement agencies. Content includes functional groupings, delegation of authority and specialization, public relations, personnel and training.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 122 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Police Operations

Course examines the administration of police line operations with a focus on the patrol function and prevention of crime. The major emphasis of this course is the police as the initial major component of the criminal justice system. The allocation of police resources, specialized units, information systems, community relations, and determinants of police policy are identified. This course provides the student with a basic understanding of modern policing and identifies the organization, function, operational strategies and culture of the police. This course also explores the ethical, emotional, and physical aspects of a career in law enforcement.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 130 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Vice And Drug Control

Course reviews historical and sociological developments in drug addiction and vice control. Content includes studies of narcotic addiction and effects of hypnotic drugs, bookmaking, gambling, and prostitution.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 135 3 credit hours (lecture: 2 | lab: 2)

Forensics I

Course will familiarize students with the different disciplines of forensic science, the types of examinations conducted in crime scenes and other applications of forensic science in the modern criminal justice system. Students will be provided an overview of crime scene investigations, death investigations, evidence-gathering techniques, and the analysis of physical evidence in the field and laboratory setting.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Hybrid | Online

Fee: \$15

LAE 140 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Introduction to Corrections

Course provides an overview to the field of corrections and examines current correctional practices, policies, and legal issues. The course focuses on the relationship of corrections to the criminal justice system, theories underlying correctional practice, and the role of institutions within the United States correctional system. This course specifically examines the historical development, evolution, and philosophy, principals, and practices of punishment and treatment. It further explores sentencing, correctional institutions, prison life, and challenges facing correctional populations.

IAI Major: CRJ 911

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 201 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Criminology

Course examines aspects of crime. Content includes types of crimes and criminals, factors involved in criminal behavior, control, and prevention.

IAI Major: CRJ 912

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 221 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Criminal Law

Course covers history and principles of criminal law. Content includes development of the court system, constitutional, statutory and common law; civil liability; rules of evidence; and criminal procedures. Also included are the principles of arrest, search and seizure; evaluation of evidence and admissibility; identification and classification of criminal offenses; court decisions, and the Illinois Criminal Code and courtroom and criminal trial procedures.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 223 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Criminal Procedures

Course is an in-depth study of the legal rules governing police procedures and practices. Topics include reasonable suspicion, probable cause, stop and frisk, station house detention, the use of force during arrest, confessions, constitutional rights of the accused, and sentencing and punishment. Also covered are issues related to the Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable search and seizure.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 234 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Ethics and Leadership in Policing

Course prepares students to successfully resolve critical ethical and leadership issues they will encounter in their law enforcement careers. Content includes developing and maintaining professional integrity, the proper exercise of discretion and authority, morale and motivation, and responsibility for ethical conduct. It also explores analysis and evaluation of ethical dilemmas, roles of professional organizations and agencies, ethics and community relations, ethics in criminal justice laws and procedures and civil liability in law enforcement and correctional environments.

Recommended: LAE 101 or consent of instructor.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

LAE 235 3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)

Criminal Investigations

Course presents a study of criminal investigation procedure. Content includes conduct at crime scenes, collection and preservation of evidence and methods used in a police science laboratory.

Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online

- LAE 239** **3 credit hours (lecture: 2 | lab: 3)**
Forensics II
 Course builds upon Forensics I and provides instruction in protocols and techniques for forensic crime scene analysis, as well as providing hands-on experience. Topics include techniques in the examination of major crime scenes that involve fingerprints, blood spatter, ballistics, and impression/trace evidence. This course also examines procedures in forensic sketching/mapping, photography, report writing, and criminal offense identification.
Prerequisite: LAE 135 with minimum grade of C, or consent of department chair.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Hybrid | Online Fee: \$30
- LAE 240** **3 credit hours (lecture: 2 | lab: 2)**
Police Strategies and Tactics
 Course examines police strategies and tactics in law enforcement that include dealing with the public and high-risk situations. Content includes principles of use of force, de-escalation, self-defense, crisis intervention, and diversity awareness. Students demonstrate basic skills in de-escalation, self-defense, control techniques, arrest search procedures, and aiding the injured.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Hybrid
- LAE 245** **3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)**
Juvenile Delinquency
 Course is an analysis of the juvenile justice system in the United States. The history, philosophies, causes and control of juvenile behavior and problems are examined. Content includes the interaction among the police, judiciary, and corrections. Also examined are theoretical perspectives, cultural influences, psychological, social, and environmental causes attributing to delinquency.
IAI Major: CRJ 914
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online
- LAE 251** **4 credit hours (lecture: 1 | lab: 15)**
Law Enforcement Practicum
 Course provides students with a broad experience through appropriate observation and directed experience in operating segments of law enforcement. It takes place in partnership agreements between Oakton Community College and host law enforcement agencies. Students are assigned to the agency in addition to participation in regularly conducted review sessions to assess the student's progress, problem areas and the work environment. The students must complete minimum of 8 hours of service a week for 16 weeks during the semester.
Prerequisite: Completion of a minimum of 15 credits in LAE with a grade of C or better in each course and consent of the program chair.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online
- LAE 260** **3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)**
Community Relations and Procedural Justice
 Course covers the core principles of community relations and procedural justice. Topics include how to incorporate these principles into decision-making, policies and procedures at the street and organizational level.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online
- LAE 270** **3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)**
Law of Evidence
 Course examines legal aspects of evidence. Content includes search and seizure, civil rights, handling of suspects, evaluation of evidence and court admissibility.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online
- LAE 275** **3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)**
Security Guard Training
 Course satisfies the minimum 20 hours of classroom basic training as required by 225 ILCS 447/25-20 Private Security Act of 2004 to obtain a security guard permanent employee registration card (PERC). The course provides the student with the duties and responsibilities of a security guard. Topics include the role of the security guard, legal powers and limitations, emergency situations, communications, public relations, access control, and ethics and conduct.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face | Online
- LAE 276** **3 credit hours (lecture: 3 | lab: 0)**
Traffic Investigation
 Course studies traffic and law enforcement. Content includes duties of agencies responsible for highway traffic law enforcement; accident investigation; regulation and enforcement, and Illinois traffic laws.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face
- LAE 290** **1-4 credit hours (lecture: 1-4 | lab: 1-4)**
Topics in Law Enforcement
 Course designed to meet the special needs of the law enforcement program student in current issues in the profession (e.g. leadership, ethics, administration, community relations, supervision, and manpower allocation). Special topics will be offered for variable credit from one to four semester credit hours. Students may repeat LAE 290 up to three times on different topics for a maximum of nine semester credit hours. Fee Varies.
 Prerequisite may vary by topic.
Delivery mode: Face-to-Face