

# LAW ENFORCEMENT

**2009-2010 Program Option:**

**Associate in Science Degree (68)**

**See also: *Investigative Sciences for Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice, Investigative Sciences for Criminal Justice***

**Associate in Science Degree**

**Total Number of Credits: 68**

**Program Description:** This degree is primarily designed to meet the professional and educational needs of students interested in becoming licensed peace officers. After meeting core POST (Police Officer Standards and Training) requirements for education, students will be able to attend the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement in St. Paul to take 21 career credits. Upon completion of this AS degree at Century, students are eligible to take a POST exam to become POST certified, and to apply for law enforcement positions in Minnesota. Upon completion of this AS degree, students may transfer to other colleges or universities.

**Career/Occupational Requirements: 32 credits**

CJS 2081*	Police in the Community	3
CJS 2085*	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	3
ENGL 1022 *	Composition II	3
ENGL 1025 *	Technical Writing	3
PE 1060	Personal Fitness	2

The following courses, the Professional Licensing Core (PLC), are offered at the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement (CCJLE) through Minneapolis Community & Technical College. For application information, see Century Counseling Center for CCJLE brochure. (For most students, the PLC will take two semesters.)

LAWE 2225	Criminal Investigations	3
LAWE 2230	Legal Issues in Law Enforcement	3
LAWE 2231	Minnesota Criminal & Traffic Codes	3
LAWE 2240	Patrol Operations	3
LAWE 2299	Law Enforcement Integrated Practicum	9

**General Education/MnTC Requirements: 35 credits**

See MnTC course list for course options.

**Goal 1 - Communication: 7 credits**

ENGL 1021*	Composition I	4
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**Select one of the following COMM courses:**

COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	3
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	3

**Goal 2 - Critical Thinking is automatically fulfilled when all other MnTC goals are completed**

**Goal 3 and/or Goal 4 – Sciences/Mathematics/Logical Reasoning: 6 credits**

Select **ONE** of the following courses (**and** an additional course from the MnTC list to total 6 credits):

BIOL 1023	Introduction to Forensic Biology	4
<i>(Note: cannot earn credit in BIOL 1023 if have completed BIOL 1024)</i>		
BIOL 1024	Human Biology	3
MATH 1025	Statistics	4

**Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 16 credits**

PSYC 1020*	General Psychology	4
SOC 1020*	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 1033*	Sociology of Families in Crisis	3
SOC 1080*	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
SOC 2051*	Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3

**Goal 6 - Humanities and Fine Arts: 6 credits**

Select **TWO** of the following courses from **two** different disciplines:

ARTS 1031	Photography I	3
ENGL 2077	Mystery	3
PHIL 1031	Ethics	3

**Goals 7-10: Three credits in each of two goals. (Automatically met by required courses.)**

**Additional Electives (recommended)**

EMS 1015	First Responder (Required for POST)	2
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**Sufficient credits to total 68**

\* Core requirements for the Police Officer Standards and Training Board (POST) must be completed or currently enrolled in to apply to the Center for Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement. **Application to PLC requires a C or higher in each of these nine prerequisite courses and a 2.5 GPA in these courses. A college cumulative GPA of 2.0 is also required.**

**Additional Requirement: Service Learning**

Students are required to complete 80 hours of criminal justice-related service learning to complete this program. The service learning requirement will be met upon completion of CJS 2081 & CJS 2085 with a grade of C or higher in each course. **Students are advised not to enroll in both courses during the same semester.**

**General Requirements for the AS degree:**

1. At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of C or better in Engl 1021.
3. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.
4. For any specific course grade requirements in programs, see Counseling Center or program advisor.

**Assessment:** *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see [www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment](http://www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment).

**\*Application to the “Professional Licensing Core” (PLC):** Application to PLC requires a C or better in each of the nine prerequisite courses and a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 in these courses to have your application to the PLC accepted. Applicants must also have a cumulative college GPA of at least 2.0. In cases where a student repeats a course, the best grade will be the one used in the calculation. **The nine pre-requisite courses are: ENGL 1021, ENGL 1022 OR 1025, PSYC 1020, SOC 1020, SOC 1033, SOC 1080, SOC 2051, CJS 2081, and CJS 2085.** Students must have the entire degree completed before taking the POST licensing examination. For more information, please read the PLC brochure available in the Counseling Center, or consult the CCJLE website, [www.minneapolis.edu/academics/careerprograms.cfm](http://www.minneapolis.edu/academics/careerprograms.cfm) and click on Law Enforcement.

**The Certificate Program Option:** Students who already have an associate or bachelors degree from a POST-approved program at an accredited college in criminal justice or law enforcement can apply directly to the PLC. If the degree is in any other discipline they must complete the nine prerequisite courses to be eligible to apply to the PLC. Equivalent courses taken within their degree may be used. Mylan Masson at the PLC will review transcripts for the certificate option.

**Important Note:** You will need to possess a **valid driver’s license**, be able to pass a **MN Human Services background study**, and not be prohibited by state or federal law from possessing a **firearm**. Once you complete the program, you will be eligible to take the Minnesota POST Board peace officer licensing examination required to be eligible for entry-level law enforcement positions with State, county or local government. You must be a U.S. citizen to enter the law enforcement profession.

**References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC):** On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center and on the Century website. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program. References to “two disciplines” means students must complete courses from two different categories under that goal, for example, Philosophy and Art Studio from Goal 6.

**Career Information:** Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2410 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources available include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the **GPS LifePlan** link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

**Transfer:** Some programs are intended primarily for employment preparation rather than transfer to a four-year institution. Some courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals and look at programs designed for transfer. An articulation agreement exists for this degree to transfer to Metropolitan State University.

**Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements:** See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

**Academic Petitions:** Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

**Special Costs:** Students enrolled in the PLC academic, theory-based courses will be required to wear a class uniform (navy blue BDU pants, white oxford shirt, and navy blue sweatshirt). Students enrolled in the practical, skills-development course will be required to purchase defensive tactics uniforms (sweat pants, gym shorts, T-shirt) utility belt and accessories, as well as the class uniform described above. Books, uniforms and equipment will cost approximately \$700 over the two-semester PLC program.

**Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)**

Admission Office	773-1700
Counseling Office	779-3285
Financial Aid Office	779-3305

**Program Instructors:**

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Office: 3563 East	
Mary Vukelich	779-3981
Office: 1229 East	

**Call Mike Smith or Mylan Masson at (651) 999-7600 at the Law Enforcement Professional Licensing Core Program in St. Paul with questions about the PLC.**