

Peace Officer Education
Associate of Applied Science | 72 credits

Campus: Hibbing

First Year

FALL SEMESTER 2026 – 18 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
COMM 1210 – Intro to Communication (MnTC Goal 1)		3	
ENGL 1231 – Composition 1 (MnTC Goal 1)	(CLR, CLW)	4	
POE 1528 (CRJS 2214) – Community Policing		3	
POE 1538 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency		3	
PHED 1655 – Physical Education for Peace Officer Education*		2	(0/2)
SOC 1310 – Intro to Criminal Justice (MnTC Goals 5 & 9)***		3	

*Requirement may be met with military service.

SPRING SEMESTER 2027 – 21 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 1520 (CRJS 2213) – Criminal Law / Minnesota Statutes / Traffic Law		4	
POE 1544 – Police Report Writing***	(ENGL 1231)	3	(1/4)
POE 1549 – Police and Human Behavior	(SOC 1310)	4	
POE 1550 – Street Survival**	(enrollment in POE program)	2	(0/4)
POE 1595 – Criminal and Civil Procedures	(SOC 1310, concurrent enrollment in POE 1520)	4	
POE 2531 – Basic Firearms	(enrollment in POE program AND instructor approval)	1	(0/2)
PSYC 1215 – General Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)	(CLR)	3	

**Requirement may be met with MOS 31B.

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER 2027 – 17 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 2421 – Traffic Enforcement	(POE 1520)	3	(1/4)
POE 2452 – Interviewing Techniques***	(POE 1520/1544/1595)	3	(1/4)
POE 2511 – Defensive Tactics and Physical Preparation		3	(0/6)
	(POE 1550, and pass Physical Assessment (row machine) at 60% or higher)		
POE 2595 – Criminal Investigation		3	(2/2)
POE 2596 – Crime Scene Processing	(POE 1520/1544/1595 and concurrent enrollment in POE 2595)	2	(0/4)
SOC 1210 – Social Problems (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)		3	

SPRING SEMESTER 2028 – 16 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
EMSV 1400 – Emergency Medical Responder		3	(2/2)
POE 2440 – Firearms	(POE 1520/1544, and completion of first year of POE program)	3	(1/4)
POE 2534 – Drug and Gang Investigation***	(POE 1520)	3	(2/2)
POE 2536 – Police Operations		4	(1/6)
	(POE 1520/1544/1595/2511 or instructor approval, and concurrent enrollment in POE 2440)		
PSYC 2216 – Abnormal Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)	(PSYC 1215)	3	

***Up to 16 credits of substitutions may apply for those with MOS 31B and transferrable military credits via Joint Services Transcript.

Note: A grade of C (74%) or better is required to successfully complete each POE prefixed course.
Additionally Recommended Courses

The following courses are recommended for students desiring more training in a specific area:

- POE 2540 – POST Preparation (completion of/enrollment in final semester of accredited PPOE program with skills), 1 credit
- POE 2550 – Field Training Experience (completion of 32 first-year credits or equivalent), 2 credits
- POE 2597 – Spontaneous Knife Defense (enrollment in POE program), 1 credit

Students need to meet prerequisite of course (listed in parentheses) prior to enrolling, and course sections will only be held if minimum enrollment in a particular course is reached.

Program Description

This program prepares individuals to perform the duties of police and public security officers, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, weapon and equipment operation and maintenance, report preparation, and other routine law enforcement responsibilities.

Occupational Titles

Peace Officer, Public Safety Officer, Law Enforcement Officer

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will:

1. Evaluate and demonstrate the proper use of force in reality-based scenarios and effectively apply in all aspects of firearm usage.
2. Employ Defensive Tactics adeptly, assessing and applying the necessary force across varied situations, emphasizing ethical decision-making and cultural awareness, integrating legal standards with community safety and respect.
3. Analyze, evaluate and determine the proper response to Traffic Statute Enforcement utilizing MN Statute 626.8471, including Emergency Vehicle Operation and Accident Investigation.
4. Conduct all operational aspects of Crime Scene Processing including supportive response to the victim and community.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of behaviors and interactions among individuals, societal groups, and institutions using a cultural lens and anti-racist principles, and the ability to apply these concepts in reality-based scenarios.
6. Determine and apply Culturally Responsive Approaches in reality-based scenarios when responding to people in crisis. This includes mental illness, health, trauma, and victims.
7. Develop a personal assessment and critical reflection in cultural competency and policing practices framework, emphasizing lifelong learning as essential to effective law enforcement.
8. Demonstrate effective writing, speaking, and listening skills.
9. Have completed certification as an Emergency Medical Responder.
10. Have met all Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board criteria to obtain a degree in Peace Officer Education.

Transfer and Articulation Agreements

This degree program is designed for entry into the workforce upon completion. However, it does contain six courses that are part of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, and this 19-credits of coursework touches on four different Goal Areas. Students primarily interested in transfer should consider the Peace Officer/Public Safety Transfer Pathway AS.

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