

Peace Officer/Public Safety Transfer Pathway
Associate of Science | 68 credits

Campus: Hibbing

First Year

FALL SEMESTER 2026 – 16 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
<i>One of the following:</i>			
COMM 1210 – Introduction to Communication (MnTC Goal 1)		3	
COMM 1220 – Interpersonal Communication (MnTC Goal 1)			
COMM 1225 – Intercultural Communication (MnTC Goals 1 & 7)			
ENGL 1231 – College Composition 1 (MnTC Goal 1)	(CLR, CLW)	4	
POE 1528 (CRJS 2214) – Community Policing		3	
POE 1538 – Juvenile Justice and Delinquency		3	
SOC 1310 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (MnTC Goals 5 & 9)		3	

SPRING SEMESTER 2027 – 14 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 1520 (CRJS 2213) – Criminal Law / Minnesota Statutes / Traffic Statutes		4	
POE 1595 – Criminal and Civil Procedures	(SOC 1310, concurrent enrollment in POE 1520)	4	
PSYC 1215 – General Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)		3	
SOC 2225 – Race and Ethnicity (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)		3	

Second Year

FALL SEMESTER 2027 – 12 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 2595 – Criminal Investigation		3	(2/2)
PHIL 1230 – Ethics (MnTC Goals 6 & 9)		3	
SOC 1210 – Social Problems (MnTC Goals 5 & 8)		3	
MnTC Goal Area 4 – Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (MnTC Goal 4)	(see catalog for courses & prerequisites)	3	

SPRING SEMESTER 2028 – 13 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
EMSV 1400 – Emergency Medical Responder		3	(2/2)
<i>One of the following:</i>			
ENGL 1232 – College Composition 2 (MnTC Goal 1)		3	
ENGL 1240 – Technical Report Writing (MnTC Goal 1)			
POE 1549 – Police and Human Behavior	(SOC 1310)	4	
PSYC 2216 – Abnormal Psychology (MnTC Goals 5 & 7)	(PSYC 1215)	3	

SUMMER TERM* 2028 – 13 credits	Prerequisites	Credits	Hr Lc/Lb
POE 2540 – POST Prep (<i>online</i>)	(completion of/enrollment in final semester of accredited PPOE program with skills)	1	
SKL 2661 – Patrol Practicals	(POE 1520/1544/1595; concurrent enrollment in SKL 2666/2667)	3	(1/4)
SKL 2664 – Firearms	(POE 1520 and 1544, concurrent enrollment in SKL 2667)	3	(1/4)
SKL 2666 – Traffic Enforcement	(POE 1520)	2	(1/2)
SKL 2667 – Defensive Tactics	(POE 1520; PFAT 60% or above)	2	(1/2)
SKL 2668 – Crime Scene Processing and Investigation	(POE 1544/1595)	2	(1/2)

*Must pass Physical Assessment Test prior to start of Summer Term

Additionally Recommended Courses

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

- POE 1550 – Street Survival (enrollment in POE program), 2 credits
- POE 2531 – Basic Firearms (enrollment in POE program AND instructor approval), 1 credit
- 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.

Note

A grade of “C” (74%) or higher is required to successfully complete each POE prefixed course.

Program Description

The Peace Officer/Public Safety Transfer Pathway AS offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Peace Officer/Public Safety bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University Moorhead; Southwest Minnesota State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Occupational Titles

This program prepares students to take the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) exam and start careers in state, municipal, and county law enforcement agencies, as well as state and federal government agencies.

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.

Program Faculty

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