

Associate in Science Degree: Modern Policing (Effective Fall 2026)

The Modern Policing degree addresses contemporary methods, strategies, and philosophies used by law enforcement agencies to maintain public safety, enforce laws, and build relationships with communities. It reflects a shift from traditional, reactive policing (focused mainly on responding to crimes after they occur) to more proactive, community-oriented, data-driven, Constitutional, and humanistic approaches. Modern Policing reflects the future of law enforcement in America. Satisfies California Assembly Bill 89, California Penal Code Section 13511.1, and Section 1031.4 of the Government Code.

Degree and Certificate Student Learning Outcome:

Students will be able to demonstrate proficiency in the core skills and knowledge for academic training in modern policing.

Program Requirements:

Units Required: 51 - 54

	Units:
ADMJUS-101 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3.0
ADMJUS-105 Humanistic Policing in the 21 st Century	3.0
ADMJUS-110 Principles and Procedures of the Justice	3.0
ADMJUS-125 Criminal Law	3.0
ADMJUS-155 Criminal Investigation	3.0
ADMJUS-185 Police-Community Relations	3.0
ADMJUS-200 Ethical Foundations of Modern Policing: The Peelian Principles	3.0
COMS-246 Interpersonal Communication	3.0
HIST-C1001 United States History to 1877	3.0
OR	
HIST-C1001H United States History to 1877 Honors	3.0
HIST-C1002 United States History to Since 1865	3.0
OR	
HIST-C1002H United States History to Since 1865 Honors	3.0
PHILOS-120 Introduction to Ehtics	3.0
PSYCH-240 Abnormal Psychology	3.0

Plus six units from the following:

ADMJUS-120 Introduction to Corrections	3.0
ADMJUS-126 Substantive Criminal Law	3.0
ADMJUS-130 Report Writing for Law Enforcement	3.0
ADMJUS-135 Legal Theories of Criminal Evidence	3.0
ADMJUS-150 Police Field Operations	3.0
ADMJUS-175 Organized Crime and Vice	3.0
ADMJUS-180 Dangerous Drugs and Narcotics	3.0
ADMJUS-195 Terrorism for Public Safety Professionals	3.0
LETECH-101 Introduction to Technology in Law Enforcement	3.0

Plus one course from the following (English Composition)

ENGL-C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4.0
ENGL-C1000H	Academic Reading and Writing Honors	4.0
ENGL-104	Technical Reading and Writing	3.0

Plus one course from the following (Oral Communication and Critical Thinking)

COMM-C1000	Introduction to Public Speaking	3.0
COMM-C1000H	Introduction to Public Speaking Honors	3.0
COMS-120	Small Group Communication	3.0
ENGL-C1001	Critical Thinking and Writing	3.0
ENGL-C1001H	Critical Thinking and Writing - Honors	3.0

Plus one course from the following (Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning)

MATH-100	Liberal Arts Mathematics	3.0
PSYCH-104	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	4.0
SOCI-137	Statistics for the Social Sciences	4.0
STAT-C1000	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
STAT-C1000E	Introduction to Statistics	5.0
STAT-C1000H	Introduction to Statistics Honors	4.0

Plus one course from the following (Ethnic Studies)

ETHNST-101	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3.0
ETHNST-102	Introduction to Chicana/o/x Studies	3.0
ETHNST-103	Introduction to African American Studies	3.0
ETHNST-104	Chicana/Latina Feminism in Contemporary Society	3.0