

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE AND FIRE TECHNOLOGY

MODERN POLICING

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate of Science Degree in Modern Policing is designed to prepare students for a career as a peace officer. The program emphasizes a holistic approach to law enforcement education, integrating academic knowledge with practical skills and ethical considerations. The curriculum includes courses in psychology, communications, history, ethnic studies, law, and subjects that foster critical thinking and emotional intelligence. The program aligns with the California Assembly Bill 89 requirements, which mandate higher education standards for peace officers, including the development of culturally competent, equity-minded, and resilient law enforcement professionals. The degree also aims to facilitate transfer to a baccalaureate program and provides pathways for credit for prior learning, ensuring that students with relevant law enforcement or military experience can maximize their educational and professional opportunities.

To acquire the **Associate of Science Degree in Modern Policing**, students must complete the required major courses below with a grade of "C" or better or of "P" if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, along with either of the following: Rio Hondo College General Education (RHC GE) or California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC). California State University General Education-Breadth (CSU GE) or Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) may be used in some cases; please see a counselor for details.

Required Courses		Units	N	IP	C
AJ 101	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3			
AJ 102	Criminal Procedures	3			
AJ 104	Legal Aspects of Evidence	3			
AJ 105	Community Relations/Multicultural Issues Within Public Service	3			
AJ 106	Criminal Law I*	3			
AJ 207	Juvenile Law and Procedure	3			
AJ 208	Principles of Investigation	3			
ART 108	The Art of Mexico	3			
EGSS 110	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3			
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing (formerly ENGL 101)*	3.5			
ENGL C1001/H	Critical Thinking and Writing * (formerly ENGL 201)* /Honors	3.5			
CD 208 Or SOC 127	Child, Family, and Community Introduction to Criminology	3			
PSYC C1000/H	Introduction to Psychology (formerly PSY 101)/Honors	3			
STAT C1000/H or PSY 190	Introduction to Statistics/H (formerly MATH 130)* Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences*	4			
COMM C1000/H	Introduction to Public Speaking/H (formerly SPCH 101)	3			
PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	3			
SPCH 150	Intercultural Communication	3			
Total major units needed for Associate of Science		53			
*Prerequisite/Corequisite					