

PUBLIC SAFETY, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Public Safety program includes the necessary general education and specialized law enforcement, fire science and emergency medical technology coursework to prepare students for a career in law enforcement, fire service, emergency medical care, or security services. Students will learn fundamental skills in all areas of public safety. In the law enforcement area students will develop an understanding of Constitutional law, Oregon state laws and the basics of policing. The student will learn basic emergency medical skills necessary to provide emergency medical aid to those sick or injured. In the fire science area, students will study topics such as fire service culture, professional standards, tools and equipment, fire apparatus, and fire prevention. Using specific electives, students can choose to focus their studies in one particular area, or study a variety of topics in criminal justice, emergency medical services, and fire science.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 90 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses must be passed with a grade of 'C' or better. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the degree is awarded.

Courses that are developmental in nature, designed to prepare students for college transfer courses, are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Program Guide

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
WR121	English Composition (or higher)	3
BA285	Human Relations in Organizations	3
CJ100	Intro to Criminal Justice	4
FS105	Firefighter Fundamentals I	2
EMT175	Intro Emergency Medical Services	3
Credits		15
Winter		
SP111 or SP218 or SP219	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication or Small Group Discussion	3
MTH65	Algebra II (or higher)	4
CJ110	Intro to Policing	4
FS110	Firefighter Fundamentals II	2
Specific Elective ¹		2
Credits		15
Spring		
CIS120	Concepts of Computing	4
FS115	Firefighter Fundamentals III	2
Specific Elective ¹		6

HE250 or PE231	Personal Health (or three PE185 courses) or Wellness for Life	3
Credits		15
Second Year		
Fall		
CJ222	Constitutional Law	4
EMT260	Emergency Medical Responder	3
FS100	Principles of Emergency Services	3
FS205	Fire Prevention	3
Specific Elective		2
Credits		15
Winter		
EM101	Incident Command & Emergency Mngmt	4
EMT170	Emergency Response & Communication Documentation	2
EMT171	Emergency Response Transport	2
FS280	CWE: Fire Science	1
Specific Elective		6
Credits		15
Spring		
CJ220	Introduction to Substantive Law	4
EMT169	Emergency Medical Technology Rescue	3
FS232	Occupational Safety and Health ES	3
Specific Elective		5
Credits		15
Total Credits		90

¹ Specific electives: Student may take any CJ, EM, EMT, or FS course to fulfill this requirement. The courses selected to fulfill the elective requirement must not be a specified requirement of this degree program.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Identify the characteristics of professional integrity and ethical standards for Oregon Criminal Justice, Emergency Medical, and Fire Science professional
- Describe and relate the Constitutional rights and responsibilities of citizens, offenders, and victims as they apply to state, federal, and procedural laws.
- Demonstrate personal behaviors and technical proficiency in all of the skills necessary to fulfill the role of an entry level emergency medical first responder.
- Apply critical-thinking and decision-making skills relevant to public safety scenarios.