

DEGREES & CERTIFICATES

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA)

About the Program

The Las Positas College Administration of Justice program offers courses that lead to an Associate in Arts degree. It also prepares students academically for the POST Basic Peace Officer Academy for students seeking full-time employment in law enforcement. The degree program prepares students for transfer to a four-year college or university while the Basic Peace Office Academy program prepares students for direct job entry with a California law enforcement agency.

Program Goals and Objectives

The Associate of Arts in Administration of Justice degree curriculum prepares the student to transfer to a four-year university and academically compete in a B.S. or B.A. degree program. For those students looking for a law enforcement career, it prepares them academically for entry into a POST basic training academy.

Career Opportunities

Career opportunities in AJ include: Municipal or Special District Policy Officer, County Deputy Sheriff, FBI Agent*, DEA Agent*, Game Warden, Highway Patrol Officer, State Narcotics Agent, Lawyer*, Forensic Specialist*, Probation Officer*, Parole Agent, and a host of other careers and jobs. (*Denotes a four-year degree requirement for that position.)

Program Outcomes

- Upon completion of the AA in Administration of Justice, students are academically prepared for a California Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission basic training academy and prepared for transfer to a four year degree program. The student will be able to compare and contrast the different components and sub-components of the American criminal justice program; interpret criminal law statutes; differentiate between civil law and criminal law; investigate a scenario and create a police report utilizing proper investigative and evidentiary procedures and understand ethical leadership in a law enforcement agency.

Learning and Career Pathway Maps

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Required Core: (21 Units)

AJ 50 Introduction to Administration of Justice.....	3
AJ 54 Investigative Reporting.....	3
AJ 60 Criminal Law.....	3
AJ 61 Evidence.....	3
AJ 63 Criminal Investigation.....	3
AJ 68 Police Ethics and Leadership.....	3
AJ 70 Community Relations.....	3

List A: Select Two (6 Units)

AJ 55 Introduction to Correctional Science.....	3
AJ 56 Fundamentals of Crime and Delinquency.....	3
AJ 59 Child Abuse in the Community.....	3
AJ 64 Patrol Procedures.....	3
AJ 66 Juvenile Procedures.....	3
AJ 74 Gangs and Drugs.....	3
AJ 78 Introduction to Probation and Parole.....	3
AJ 79 Homicide Investigation.....	3
AJ 89 Family Violence.....	3
ANTR 13 Introduction to Forensic Anthropology.....	3
CNT 68 Digital Forensics Fundamentals.....	3
PSYC 1 General Psychology.....	3
PSYC 6 Abnormal Psychology.....	3
PSYC 12 Life-Span Psychology.....	3
SOC 1 Principles of Sociology.....	3
SOC 3 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity or	3
ETHS 6 Introduction to Race and Ethnicity.....	3
SOC 6 Social Problems.....	3

Total Units for the Major.....27

Additional General Education and Elective Units.....33