

LAW ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATION

College of Arts Letters & Sciences

EMPHASIS OF PROGRAM

The Law Enforcement Administration Degree is a two plus two program designed to allow students to use the education they have already obtained from their associates degree in law enforcement and build on that foundation with two more years of upper division social science and business management courses.

This four year degree prepares students for upward mobility in their chosen field of law enforcement. The social science component gives students the opportunity to become critical thinkers while they study how individual behaviors can bring about social change. The business management component gives the student practical applications in management and human relations that will be valuable in the work place. The combination of the two components gives the student a well rounded education and will enhance the students' marketability in the law enforcement field.

CAREER INFORMATION

LEA graduates can work in a number of local, state, and federal law enforcement positions. Each level of government has enforcement agents, whether the Border Patrol, Internal Revenue Service, Postal Service, Park Service, Department of Agriculture, or more traditional areas like Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), or the Secret Service and the like. Employment opportunities are in the thousands yearly.

Many graduates manage private security operations in retail and service businesses or organizations, such as shopping malls or schools. Employment in private security is a growth industry. Businesses and organizations now hire private security personnel to protect lives and property, prevent crime and losses, manage safety concerns, and control access. Businesses and organizations have long used security personnel to protect lives and property, but protection of intellectual properties and information is emerging as a concern. Companies are beginning to realize the need for computer-literate security professionals to cut growing losses.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The Justice Administration Program prepares students to work in a tremendous number of areas in local, state, and federal government as well as the private sector. The program integrates knowledge from all fields of justice to broaden understanding of police, courts, corrections, and prevention. This gives our students the advantage of being able to transfer easily from one area of the justice system to another.

Graduates find jobs in law enforcement, probation, court services, child protection, juvenile facilities, prisons, educational settings, communities, substance abuse treatment, prevention, conflict resolution, victim services, parole, correctional facilities, counseling, private security, financial crime investigation, positive youth development, domestic violence advocacy, parks & recreation offices.

A degree in Justice Administration is also excellent preparation for law school or for success in graduate school.

FACILITIES

Many of these courses are online with others being held in the Social Science building. Meeting rooms and club rooms are also available in this building. Students have access to e-mail and the Internet via SMSU's Macintosh and IBM labs. They may do research via the on-line computer system in SMSU's library.

INTERNSHIPS

Justice Administration internships give students valuable work experience and provide an opportunity for students to apply what they have learned. Internship alternatives include working with law enforcement, juvenile and adult facilities as well as state and federal agencies, the court system and corrections agencies. Our students have completed internships with the FBI, BCA, Minnesota State Patrol, DOC, and various city and county law enforcement agencies, lawyers, and court systems.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming students may be eligible for a number of academic and leadership scholarships through the Office of Admission. These scholarships are awarded based on a student's past academic record including the ACT, class rank, GPA, and leadership potential.

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

- Criminal Justice CLub

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