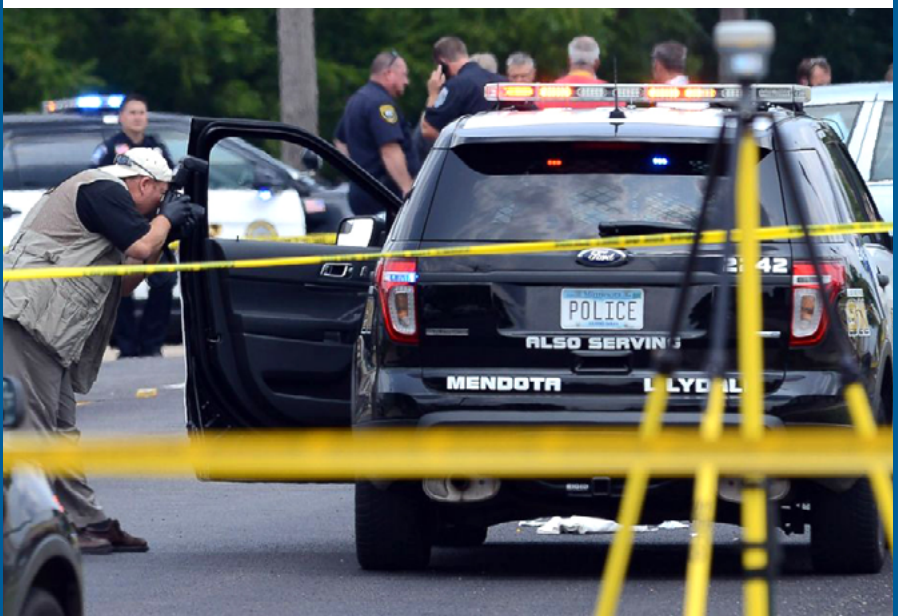


POLICE SCIENCE

 Frederick Community College



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*Police officers pursue and apprehend people who break the law. They then warn, cite, or arrest them. Most police officers patrol their jurisdictions and investigate suspicious activity. They also respond to calls, issue traffic tickets, and give first aid to accident victims. Police officers at all levels must write reports and keep detailed records that will be needed if they testify in court.**

The Program

The Police Science program at Frederick Community College prepares Maryland law enforcement officials to meet the challenges of a diverse, global society through quality, accessible, innovative, lifelong learning. The diverse, ever-growing population of our state requires increasing numbers of law enforcement officials to be skilled at communicating, problem-solving, conflict resolution, and diversity awareness, in addition to being physically strong. The key to creating and maintaining this type of professional law enforcement official is education. A degree in police science prepares law enforcement officers for leadership roles and opportunities for advancement.

The Police Science program at FCC consists of two tracks, the on-campus Police Science A.A.S degree program for sworn law enforcement officials, and the Maryland State Police-contract Police Science degree program for MSP trooper candidates.

On-Campus Police Science A.A.S. Degree

The On-Campus Police Science associate degree program is available to sworn, currently employed police officers who hold a current Certification and Training Standards Compliance Card issued by the Maryland Police Training Commission (MPTC), and who are graduates of a Maryland police academy certified by the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commissions (MPCTC).

Law enforcement officers who have graduated from a Maryland police academy can be awarded 29 credits for coursework taken

during their academy training. Officers can complete the associate degree requirements either online or in a face-to-face classroom format by taking 31 additional credits (22 credits of general education courses and nine additional credits in criminal justice courses).

Officers must take a minimum of 15 credits at FCC to receive the associate degree from FCC. If an officer/student has credits from another institution, those credits can be transferred to FCC, provided the credits are accepted by FCC's registrar.

MSP-Contract Police Science A.A.S. Degree

The MSP-contract Police Science associate degree program is open to any trooper candidate employed by the Maryland Department of State Police and enrolled in the MSP Academy. This program integrates general education coursework with the major components of the criminal justice process learned while the trooper candidate is attending the academy.

A specialized instructional program has been created for the MSP in which a trooper candidate completes one non-credit Algebra course; 19 general education credits; and 41 criminal justice credits during their Academy training in accordance with the guidelines of the Maryland Police & Corrections Training Commissions. FCC instructors teach the candidates the required general education coursework in a face-to-face classroom format in the evenings during the Academy and for four weeks after graduation.



Growth Potential & Estimated Salaries

The median annual wage for police and sheriff's patrol officers was \$58,320 in May 2015. Employment of police is projected to grow 5 percent from 2014 to 2024. Overall job prospects are expected to be good. Applicants with a bachelor's degree and law enforcement or military experience, as well as those who speak more than one language, should have the best job opportunities.*

Financial Assistance

FCC participates in federal, state and local financial aid programs. Students are encouraged to apply for financial aid, and for scholarships offered by the College and community. Financial aid applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, J301, or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The scholarship application is available at www.frederick.edu.

**Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Police and Detectives*

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at www.frederick.edu/gainfulemployment.

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Transfer Note

For students who complete the A.A.S. degree in Police Science, FCC has articulation (transfer) agreements with:

- University of Maryland University College – B.S. Criminal Justice, B.S. Homeland Security
- Mount Saint Mary's University – B.A. Criminal Justice
- Frostburg State University – B.S. Criminal Justice
- American Public University Systems (APUS) – B.S. Criminal Justice
- American Military University (AMU) – B.S. Criminal Justice
- Johns Hopkins University also recognizes the FCC A.A.S. degree toward a bachelor's degree.

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<i>Course</i>	<i>Credits</i>
English	
EN 101 English Composition.....	3
Mathematics	
Mathematics Elective (GenEd course list)	3/4
Arts & Humanities	
CMSP 103–Speech Fundamentals	3
Biological & Physical Science	
Biological & Physical Sciences Elective (lab course) (GenEd course list, BI 130 recommended)	4
Social & Behavioral Sciences	
Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective (GenEd course list, SO 102 recommended)	3
Interdisciplinary & Emergency Issues	
HE 201–Stress Management	3
General Education Elective (GenEd course list)	3
PE/Health Requirement	1/3
Departmental Requirements	
CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CJ 106 Police-Community Relations*.....	3
CJ 110 Criminal Law.....	3
CJ 204 Police Operational Services.....	3
CJ 212 Criminalistics*	4
CJ 220 Criminal Evidence and Procedure.....	3
CJ 221 Police Defense Tactics*	5
CJ 222 Police Arsenal and Procedures*.....	5
CJ 223 Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC)*.....	3
CJ 214 The Correctional Process or	
ID 225 Disaster, Crisis and Emergency Management	3
SO 201 Criminology	3

* Offered through the Recruit Police Academy Program