

# Police Science

## Associate in Applied Science in Occupational Development

### Program Description:

The Police Science Degree is offered in cooperation with the West Virginia State Police and is located at the State Police Academy in Institute, West Virginia. This program is not designed for regular full-time or part-time students. Admission to this program is restricted to those accepted into the West Virginia State Police Cadet training corps. The State Police Academy currently serves the state of West Virginia as the only law enforcement training facility that has been approved by the Governor's Committee on Crime, Delinquency, and Correction to provide mandatory entry-level police training.

- The prospective student must be 21 years of age and meet the requirements of the State Police Academy.
- State Police personnel complete a 30-week residential program in which all degree coursework, with the exception of the internship, is completed.
- A field internship must be completed during the employee's probationary employment period before the degree is awarded.

### Career Outlook:

The opportunity for public service through law enforcement work is attractive to many because the job is challenging and involves much personal responsibility. Furthermore, law enforcement officers in many agencies may retire with a pension after 25 or 30 years of service, allowing them to pursue a second career while still in their 40s or 50s. Because of relatively attractive salaries and benefits, the number of qualified candidates exceeds the number of job openings in federal law enforcement agencies and in most state police departments—resulting in increased hiring standards and selectivity by employers. Competition should remain keen for higher-paying jobs with state and federal agencies and police departments in more affluent areas. Opportunities will be better in local and special police departments, especially in departments that offer relatively low salaries, or in urban communities where the crime rate is relatively high. Applicants with college training in police science, military police experience, or both should have the best opportunities.

### Salary Forecast:

West Virginia State Police Officers are set by rank and time in service. The current salary ranges are below:

Rank	Minimum	Maximum
Trooper	\$28,122	\$46,494
Senior Trooper	\$38,482	\$46,882
Trooper First Class	\$39,070	\$47,470
Corporal	\$39,658	\$48,058
Sergeant	\$43,834	\$52,234
First Sergeant	\$45,922	\$54,322
2nd Lieutenant	\$48,010	\$56,410
1st Lieutenant	\$50,098	\$58,498
Captain	\$52,186	\$60,586
Major	\$54,274	\$62,674
Lieutenant Colonel	\$56,362	\$64,762

### Admission Requirements:

The college adheres to an open admissions policy which means applicants with a high school diploma or a GED are eligible for admission. Applicants with neither a high school diploma nor a GED may be admitted on a conditional basis.

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<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	
<p><b>Police Science Training Component<sup>1 2</sup></b></p> <p>EME 105 First on Scene.....3</p> <p>PST 111 Law Enforcement Orientation.....3</p> <p>PST 113 Police Defense Tactics.....2</p> <p>PST 120 Patrol Operations and Procedures.....3</p> <p>PST 122 Police Arsenal and Weapons .....3</p> <p>PST 231 Fundamentals of Criminal Law.....3</p> <p>PST 233 Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation.....3</p> <p>PST 235 Police Organization and Administration .....3</p> <p>PST 237 Police Role in Crime and Delinquency .....3</p> <p>PST 239 Criminal Evidence and Procedure .....3</p> <p>PST 246 Police Records and Reports .....3.</p> <p>PST 248 Traffic Administration and Enforcement.....3</p> <p>PST 290 Law Enforcement Internship<sup>3</sup>.....9</p> <p><b>TOTAL CREDITS.....44</b></p>	<p><b>General Education Component</b></p> <p>ENL 111 Written Communication .....3</p> <p>COM 112 Oral Communication .....3</p> <p>IT 101 Fundamentals of Computers (EDGE) .....3</p> <p>MAT 139 Mathematics for Police Science<sup>4</sup>.....5</p> <p>PST 242 Police Community Relations<sup>5</sup>.....3</p> <p>PST 244 Introduction to Criminalistics<sup>4</sup> .....4</p> <p><b>TOTAL CREDITS.....21</b></p>
<b>HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION: 65</b>	

**Employment Opportunities:**

- West Virginia State Police
- Federal Bureau of Investigation
- Federal Marshal

**Earn a Degree Graduate Early (EDGE):**

This program provides students the opportunity to receive credit for their high school EDGE courses.

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<sup>1</sup> Student must be accepted as a Cadet at West Virginia State Police Academy for program enrollment. Contact Personal Director of West Virginia State Police at (304) 746- 2117 or local State Police Detachment for program application information.

<sup>2</sup> All courses are taught at West Virginia State Police Academy in Institute.

<sup>3</sup> PST 290 has a requirement of instructor permission. Student must complete one year of full-time employment with the West Virginia State Police to fulfill course requirements.

<sup>4</sup> MAT 139 and PST 244 fulfill degree requirements for Quantitative Skills/Science for General Education Core.

<sup>5</sup> PST 242 fulfills degree requirement for Social Science General Education Core.

