

A.S. degree in Police Science

Description of the Police Science Program:

The Associate in Science degree in Police Science provides a course of study that will develop and prepare students interested in the professional law enforcement/protective services community.

The objective of this program is to educate individuals to become meaningfully employed in state, county, local and uniformed federal law enforcement agencies. The courses provide specialized concentrations in the role of police and the community, police organizations & their structure and issues that affect law enforcement today. Students completing the Police Science sequence, including a language and science requirement, will also be prepared to transfer to a four-year college to pursue a bachelor's of science degree at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Police Studies.

For more information, see link below

http://www.hostos.cuny.edu/Hostos/media/Office-of-Academic-Affairs/Academic-Advisement/Police-Science-AS_1.pdf

Skills:

Communication skills. People who work in professional law enforcement/protective services community must be able to speak with people when gathering facts about a crime and to express details about a given incident in writing.

Empathy. Professionals in law enforcement need to understand the perspectives of a wide variety of people in their jurisdiction and have a willingness to help the public.

Good judgment. Must be able to determine the best way to solve a wide array of problems quickly.

Leadership skills. Must be comfortable with being a highly visible member of their community, as the public looks to them for assistance in emergency situations.

Perceptiveness. Ability to anticipate another person's reactions and understand why people act a certain way.

Physical stamina. Must be in good physical shape, both to pass required tests for entry into the field, and to keep up with the daily rigors of the job.

Sample Job Titles:

Some related job titles include: Firefighters; Fire Inspectors and Investigators; Bailiffs; Correctional Officers and Jailers; Detectives and Criminal Investigators; Police and Sheriff's Patrol Officers; Transit and Railroad Police; Private Detectives and Investigators; Security Guards

Employment Outlook:

Employment of police and detectives is projected to grow 7 percent from 2016 to 2026, about as fast as the average for all occupations. While a continued desire for public safety is expected to result in a need for more officers, demand for employment is expected to vary depending on location, driven largely by local and state budgets. Even with crime rates falling in recent years, demand for police services to maintain and improve public safety is expected to continue.

<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/police-and-detectives.htm#tab-6>

Career Path:

The median annual wage for police and detectives was \$61,600 in May 2016. Education requirements range from a high school diploma to a college degree. Most police and detectives must graduate from their agency's training academy before completing a period of on-the-job training. Candidates must be U.S. citizens, usually at least 21 years old, and able to meet rigorous physical and personal qualifications.

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Career Coach – Search career information and current local wage data

<https://hostos-cuny.emsicc.com/careers/police-patrol-officer/about>