



Program of Study:

Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration

Program Description:

Grand Canyon University's Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration program is an undergraduate degree program that provides a theoretical and applied approach to the professional education of students, while ensuring relevance to the homeland security and protection industry. The program highlights the application of research methodology; the utilization of communication skills at the personal, professional, and public level; and the development of professional skills and knowledge in the field of public safety.

Course Number	Course Title	Course Description	Credits
UNV 101	University Success	This course provides positive re-enforcement of successful learning strategies and assistance with adaptation to the academic environment.	3
COM 101	Intro to Human Communication [^]	This course focuses on how people use messages to generate meanings within and across various contexts, cultures, channels, and media. The course readings and discussions seek to increase understanding of relevant communication theories and their application in the practice of effective and ethical human communication in both personal and professional life.	3
ENG 101	Academic Writing	A course in writing academic prose, including various types of essays, arguments, and constructions. A writing intensive course. Prerequisite: UNV 105.	3
PSY 101	General Psychology [^]	A foundation course in the science of behavior. Includes a study of the origin and development of behavior patterns, motivation, emotional behavior sensory functions, perception, intelligent behavior, and adjustment. Simple experiments constitute a basic part of the course.	3
HIS 107	World Civilization Before 1500 [^]	A survey of the major events, personalities, movements, and ideas in world civilization from the prehistoric era to 1500 CE. This course focuses on the key political, intellectual, scientific, social, economic, and cultural changes that occurred in world civilization. Students will gain an understanding of the social forces and trends in social, religious, political, and philosophic thought that laid the foundations of the modern world.	3
ENG 102	Research Writing	A course exploring various types of research writing, with a focus on constructing essays, arguments, and research reports based on primary and secondary sources. A writing-intensive course. Prerequisite: ENG 101.	3
BIO 100	Biology Concepts [^]	A complete overview of the science of biology from a human perspective. Topics include cells, energetics, ecology, inheritance, evolution, embryology, anatomy, and physiology. This course does not apply toward the biology major.	3
BIO 100L	Biology Concepts Lab [^]	The one hour lab for BIO 100. Must be taken concurrently with BIO 101.	1
MAT 120	Intermediate Algebra	Topics from basic algebra: linear equations, polynomials, quadratic equations, systems of equations, and introductory conic sections. Prerequisite: MAT 100.	3

Choose one of the following courses:

INT 463	World Religions [^]	A study of the major contemporary religions of the world including both historical background and development, and current beliefs and practice with emphasis on basic religions: Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Taoism, Confucianism, Shinto, Zoroastrianism, Judaism, Islam, and Baha'i.	3
BIB 113	Old Testament History [^]	An introductory and historical survey of the Old Testament. Attention is given to the study of the Bible itself, its institutions, literature, and history of the national life of the Hebrew people from earliest times to close of the Old Testament period	3

Choose one of the following courses:

PHI 101	Introduction to Philosophy [^]	An introduction to the discipline of philosophy through a study of representative philosophic problems.	3
BIB 123	New Testament History [^]	A general historical survey of the New Testament, beginning with the inter-biblical period, with the main emphasis given to the Gospels and Acts.	3

UNV 200	Western Ideas and Aesthetics	An examination of ideas that shaped Western thought, and aesthetics. Students will have opportunities to identify and analyze instances of these ideas literature, film, and art.	4
CHM 101	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry [^]	An introduction to the principles of chemistry; designed for students without a strong background in science. Topics covered include a survey of the chemical and physical properties of elements and compounds, chemical reactions, chemical energetics, acids and bases, and chemical bonding. An introduction to organic and biochemistry emphasizes the relationship between molecular structure and function.	3
CHM 101L	Introduction to General, Organic and Biochemistry Lab [^]	The one hour lab for CHM 101. Must be taken concurrently with CHM 101.	1

[^] Campus students may choose an alternative course from the Grand Experience. See the current Academic Catalog for details.

Total General Education Credits: 39

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PSA 350	Managerial Communications	Students will demonstrate the fundamentals and application of writing and presentation used in formal settings in the professional environment.	3
PSA 433	Research Methodology	This course helps students identify problems, review related literature, collect data, and measure objectives in the public safety environment. Students will apply analytical skills to public safety-related research projects. A writing-intensive course.	3
PSA 438	Human Resource Management	This course explores values and perceptions of groups that affect recruiting, training, retention, evaluation, and current legal issues in human resources.	3
PSA 332	Political and Legal Systems	An analysis and application of the legal system's model for understanding governmental, legal, and operational problems via the application of systems theory.	3
PSA 360	Information Technology and Systems	This course focuses on the organizational, management, and technology dimensions of information systems. Although many technologies are covered, it is not intended to be a technology class.	3
PSA 440	Ethics in Public Safety	This course explores case issues and philosophies as they relate to accountability in the public safety environment.	3
PSA 439	Leadership in Public Safety	This course focuses on motivation theory relating to individual and group functioning in public safety organizations. Leadership styles and their impact on performance are examined.	3

PSA 351	Public Safety and the Community	This course examines the human and community services, in particular, law enforcement, fire protection, and emergency medical services, from theoretical and practical positions. A major focus will be the underlying philosophies, values, mission, planning and development of programs and systems, and evaluating and altering them. The process of anticipating current and future challenges and the impacts of public policy, public opinion, and customer dynamics will also be explored.	3
PSA 490	Organizational Development & Change	An overview of approaches to organizational development with emphasis in the practical aspects of changing public safety organizations to improve effectiveness.	3
PSA 460	Project Management	This course addresses basic concepts in project management, emphasizing a balance between the technical aspects of project work. Topics include the emerging importance of project management, tools and techniques to plan and schedule projects, the manager's role in coordinating projects, and how managers need to be aware of cultural influences.	3
PSA 435	Strategic Planning	This course deals with the fundamentals and application of strategic analysis and planning in public safety.	3
PSA 495	Public Safety Capstone	Course provides a structured way to organize facts, information, and ideas from the academic major. Theoretical concepts from the major will be discussed by critically analyzing and evaluating ideas relating to a practical application process. Concepts of faith, belief system, or set of values, examine moral and ethical issues, including responsibility to individuals and communities are examined.	3

Total Public Safety Administration Credits: 36

Total General Education Credits: 39

Total Transfer and/or Elective Credits: 45

Total Bachelor of Science in Public Safety Administration Credits: 120