General Education Course Requirements
Offered at the Ben Clark Training Center

Include 31 units of coursework:

- Physical Geography
- American Government
- Introduction to Sociology
- Basic English Composition
- Interpersonal Communication
- Introduction to Computer Information
- Physical Education
- Health Science
- Elementary Algebra
- Theater Arts

Public Safety Education and Training

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The Riverside Community College District prohibits discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, color, national origin, religion, or disability.
**The Program** provides sworn and correctional deputies, fire service personnel, and all students an opportunity to complete the prescribed general education requirements for those interested in obtaining an associate science degree in Law Enforcement or Fire Technology within one year. Scheduling of courses is especially attractive for public safety personnel allowing better accessibility to college educational programming and course availability. Courses are offered in eight (8) and twelve (12) week blocks on Saturdays and/or Sundays allowing students to participate in as many as four (4) courses each fall and spring semester. Courses are also offered in six (6) and eight (8) week blocks on Saturdays and/or Sundays during the winter and summer sessions, respectively.

All classes are offered at the Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center located at 3423 Davis Avenue, Riverside, CA.

Upon completion of the associate degree pattern at Riverside Community College’s Ben Clark Public Safety Training Center, students have the opportunity to transfer to neighboring colleges and universities to complete a bachelor’s degree through course articulation agreements established by the Riverside Community College District. Ultimately, the program of study provides students an opportunity to enhance and apply intellectual skills toward greater professional performance while fostering advancement opportunities in leadership positions. The Riverside Community College is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

**Support Services**

Student services provided by Riverside Community College to assist students with completing an associate’s degree in Law Enforcement or Fire Technology include the following:

- Assessment testing for course placement
- Degree audits to assess the total amount of coursework needed for an associate’s degree
- Financial aid services and FAFSA application assistance
- Counseling services
- Scholarship opportunities
- Tutorial services
- Library services

**Associate Degree Unit Requirements**

**Law Enforcement**
- 60 units required for the associate science degree in Law Enforcement
- 18 elective units available in the Basic Police Academy
- 31 units of General Education courses (accelerated program)
- 12 units of Administration of Justice coursework available to fulfill the associate degree

**Fire Technology**
- 60 units to achieve the associate science degree in Fire Technology
- 19 elective units available in the Basic Firefighter Academy
- 31 units of General Education courses (accelerated program)
- 12 units of Fire Technology coursework available to fulfill the associate degree

**Program Benefits**

- Students will benefit from an eight (8) week scheduling format that permits them to attend courses while continuing to assume professional responsibilities in public safety
- Law Enforcement Rank Advancement
  - Detective . . . . . . . 21 units
  - Sergeant . . . . . . . 38 units
  - Lieutenant . . . . . 44 units
  - Captain . . . . . . 60 units
- Fire Service Rank Advancement
  - Company Officer
  - Chief Officer
  - Fire Management

**Philosophy for the Associate Degree**

The awarding of an associate degree is intended to represent more than an accumulation of 60 units. It symbolizes the successful attempt on the part of the College to lead students through patterns of learning experiences designed to develop certain capabilities and insights. Among these are the ability to:

- Think and communicate clearly and effectively, both orally and in writing
- Use mathematics
- Understand the modes of inquiry in the major disciplines
- Be aware of other cultures and times
- Achieve insights gained through experience in thinking about ethical problems
- Develop the capacity for self-understanding