ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY

PREPARE FOR A REWARDING CAREER PROTECTING YOUR COMMUNITY

Make an immediate impact on society—and your career. Purdue University Global’s online associate’s degree provides you with a broad knowledge of public safety and security leadership practices and blends various disciplines including emergency management, corporate security, loss prevention, and private investigation. Develop the relevant skills and knowledge to advance your career in law enforcement, private security, public safety, and other exciting fields.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY GLOBAL
WHY STUDY PUBLIC SAFETY AT PURDUE GLOBAL?

ONLINE FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKING ADULTS
Earn your degree 100% online, on your schedule. You can also visit one of our regional locations to take advantage of local, onsite support and services.

CREDIT FOR YOUR EXPERIENCE
Transfer up to 75% of your degree requirements for your military, academic, and work experience—including industry training and certifications. In addition, if you are a certified law enforcement officer, you can earn credit for your national Peace Officer Standard Training (POST).

AFFORDABLE TUITION
Lower the cost of your education through military discounts, employer reimbursement options, transfer credit, and more. Our average associate’s graduate saves 48% on tuition with credit for prior learning.

FACULTY EXPERTISE
Learn from experienced professionals with a variety of backgrounds in public safety and criminal justice. All criminal justice professors possess an advanced degree and relevant industry credentials. Many are currently active in the field, so they understand the unique requirements and challenges of this line of work, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING
Work directly with faculty during online discussion boards and office hours, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

INTRODUCTORY TRIAL PERIOD
Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks before you owe any tuition. That’s the Purdue Global Commitment.

NATIONALLY RANKED AND RESPECTED
Purdue Global is part of the respected Purdue University system. One of the most prestigious research universities in the world, Purdue University is ranked in the top 10 best public universities in the U.S. by The Wall Street Journal/Times Higher Education.

Purdue Global is one of the largest providers of public safety programs in the United States.

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR EDUCATION

CUSTOMIZE YOUR DEGREE TO BE READY FOR A DIVERSE RANGE OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
Choose from a wide pool of open electives to gain specialized knowledge in subjects such as legal studies, public administration, and information technology.

BUILD A PATHWAY TO A BACHELOR’S OR MASTER’S DEGREE
Get a head start on a future degree. Once you earn your associate’s degree, you can transfer it directly into your Purdue Global bachelor’s.

Associate’s Degree in Public Safety and Security
Bachelor’s Degree in Criminal Justice or Corrections
Master’s Degree in Criminal Justice, Public Administration, Legal Studies, or Psychology
CURRICULUM

Our comprehensive curriculum provides an introduction to criminal justice and public safety as well as the technology required to prevent and minimize criminal risk. Courses are reviewed and revised continually by industry experts to ensure they reflect the most recent developments in the field.

MAJOR COURSE TOPICS INCLUDE:

• The criminal justice system
• Corporate security
• Criminal investigation
• Computers, technology, and criminal justice information systems
• Emergency management

CAPSTONE PROJECT

Demonstrate your ability to apply the critical thinking skills and concepts you study online to real-world public safety scenarios.

PRACTITIONER CONCENTRATION

Do you have experience in the public safety and security field? If so, the practitioner concentration is a flexible pathway that recognizes your past experience and learning in place of up to four electives (20 credits).

GAIN THE CORE SKILLS THAT EMPLOYERS DEMAND

Develop the practical knowledge and technical competencies required by many public safety organizations and private security firms:

• Prepare, plan, and execute decisive and appropriate plans of action.
• Support public safety initiatives through strong critical thinking, decision-making, and communication skills.
• Build leadership attributes relevant to public safety and security.
• Understand organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations.
• Use new technologies to prevent and minimize criminal risk.

PROGRAM DETAIL

Credit Hours: 90
Completion Time: 1–2 years (With transfer credit and other prior experience, the average completion time for Purdue Global associate’s degree graduates in 2018-2019 was less than 18 months).30
Course Load: 2 courses per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Throughout the year

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS

• Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology
• Bachelor of Science in Corrections
• Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
• Master of Science in Criminal Justice
• Master of Science in Homeland Security and Emergency Management
CAREER AND NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES

INDUSTRY OUTLOOK

- Employment of private detectives, investigators, and security professionals is expected to grow from 2018 to 2028.
- Employment in the protective service field is also projected to grow, creating about 95,200 new jobs in the timeframe.
- Many federal agencies and some police departments require college experience, and a significant number of applicants for entry-level police jobs are college graduates.
- Heightened security concerns, the increased need to protect confidential information and property, and continued demand for public safety are likely to keep driving growth in this field.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND OUTCOMES

Roles
- Police detective
- Bailiff
- Public safety officer
- Patrol officer
- Private investigator
- Detective/criminal investigator

Settings/Industries
- Police departments or other law enforcement offices
- Juvenile detention or correctional facilities
- The court system
- Security technology
- Loss prevention
- Emergency response
- Corporate and government security

CAREER SERVICES

Our team of Career Specialists offers the following services and assistance:
- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

Purdue Global Public Safety Club

The Public Safety Club encourages networking and promotes employment opportunities, provides educational opportunities, and stimulates discussions related to the interests of the members.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Accredited by The Higher Learning Commission

This accreditation covers all academic programs, all regional locations, and all programs provided via distance education. Contact the HLC at HLCommission.org or call 800-621-7440.

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