PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION

This program will first be offered starting Winter quarter 2025

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Admission Requirements

- Associates degree in a public safety related field or an Associate's degree with relevant work experience
- GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Personal Statement
- Transcription from previous institutions
- 25 credits of generally transferable general education coursework*

*Students who have fulfilled their general education coursework for their associates degree with non-transferable courses may take additional general education courses to meet degree requirements during their junior year. Students may be provisionally admitted into the program if they are within 25 credits from completing an associates degree."

Generally transferrable general education coursework include:

- Five credits of ENGL& 101 (English Composition I)
- Five credits of Quantitative Reasoning
- Five credits of Humanities
- Five credits of Social Science
- Five credits of Natural Science

NOTE: Students may take the above courses at Bates Tech, or transfer courses in from another college.

Courses may not need to match exactly in each academic/general education category listed above. Consult with a career advisor.

Bachelor of Applied Science Public Safety Administration (90 Credits)

Program Learning Outcomes

BACHELOR OF APPLIED SCIENCE PUBLIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (90 CREDITS)

Addendum - BTC - 2024-25 catalog
Allow any 200-level CMST or CMST& for 5 credits replace CMST& 220

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Quarter 1

CMST& 220	Public Speaking	5
PSAD 310	Foundations in Public Safety	5
PSAD 311	Public Safety Policy and Legal Issues	5
GENED	*If needed*	*5*

Or any 200-level CMST or CMST& course for 5 credits

Quarter 2

PSAD 312	Public Safety Leadership	5
PSYC 310	Organizational and Institutional Behavior	5
SOC 310	Social and Behavioral Science Applications in Public Safety Administration	5
GENED	*If needed*	*5*

Quarter 3

PHIL 305	Professional Ethics	5
PSAD 313	Human Resources and Personnel Management	5
PSAD 314	Government and Non-profit Budget and Finance	5
GENED	*If needed*	*5*

Quarter 4

CMST 310	Public Safety Communication	5
PSAD 315	Public Safety and Community Health	5
PSAD 410	Critical Infrastructure: Security and Resilience	5

Quarter 5

PSAD 411	Public Safety Research and Technology	5
PSAD 412	Cybersecurity and System Threats	5
PSAD 413	Project Management and Planning in Public Safety Administration	5

Quarter 6

PSAD 414	Developing the Local Stakeholder Community in Public Safety Administration	5
PSAD 415	Contemporary Issues in Public Safety Administration	5

SOC 410	Social Justice and Public Safety Administration	5