

Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security Cluster

Corrections Services Pathway – The Corrections Service Pathway prepares students for working in careers in the corrections field. These careers are in Probation/Parole and Corrections Officer. Each career major will contain courses in self-defense, understanding the law, safety and first aid.

Probation/Parole – This major prepares students for careers in the corrections field. Probation officers, parole officers, and correctional treatment specialists work with and monitor offenders to prevent them from committing new crimes. Students are introduced to the historical background, professional direction, purposes, functions, ethics, administration and technical problems of the corrections field in municipal, state and federal systems. They learn the appropriate use of various types of equipment and weapons used by correction officers including safety, procedures and maintenance. In addition, students gain skills in negotiations, communication, radio techniques, telecommunications, critical thinking, prioritization, telephone etiquette and stress management. Unarmed self-defense tactics, physical fitness training and practical application of arrest scenarios against resisting offenders are covered along with surveillance, intervention and response to bioterrorist threats. Upon completion of Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) Phases I and II included in this major, students who meet all other requirements may sit for the Oklahoma State Unarmed Security Guard License exam.

Corrections Officer – This major prepares students for careers in the corrections field. Correctional officers, also known as detention officers, are responsible for overseeing individuals who have been arrested and are awaiting trial or who have been convicted of a crime and sentenced to serve time in a jail, reformatory, or penitentiary. Students are introduced to the historical background, professional direction, purposes, functions, ethics, administration and technical problems of the corrections field in municipal, state and federal systems. They learn the appropriate use of various types of equipment and weapons used by correction officers including safety, procedures and maintenance. In addition, students gain skills in negotiations, communication, radio techniques, telecommunications, critical thinking, prioritization, telephone etiquette and stress management. Unarmed self-defense tactics, physical fitness training and practical application of arrest scenarios against resisting offenders are covered along with surveillance, intervention and response to bioterrorist threats.