



Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Turn Your Calling Into a Career With a Degree in Public Safety and Security

Kaplan University's associate's degree in public safety and security program can help you develop the relevant skills and knowledge required to pursue a number of different career choices. Our curriculum provides a strong public safety foundation, so you have the flexibility to pursue a career in law enforcement, private security, public safety, or other areas within the private and public sector.¹ Our online platform offers the freedom to learn virtually anytime day or night. So you can learn and study according to your schedule.

Protecting Society Can Be a Rewarding Career

If you're passionate about a career in public safety and security, now is the time to prepare for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead. Kaplan University offers several programs designed to help you pursue your passion. Programs are taught by working professionals who bring real-world expertise to the courses they teach, so you gain practical knowledge and skills you can immediately apply to your chosen career.

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The Public Safety and Security Field Needs Talented Professionals Like You.

Security and ensuring the safety of the general public is a high priority for both government agencies and corporations. Help secure the safety of your community and protect public and corporate assets by building your knowledge with an Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security from Kaplan University.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for private detectives, investigators, and security professionals is expected to grow between 2014 and 2024.²

New opportunities within public safety and security are expected to result from heightened security concerns and the increased need to safeguard the general public. In addition, continued demand for public safety is likely to contribute to the demand for police services.³

Demand for professionals with college experience is also on the rise. In 2013, more than 20% of police departments required new entry-level officers to have at least a 2-year college degree, compared to 7% in 2003.⁴ Earning your associate's degree in public safety and security builds a path toward earning your bachelor's degree in criminal justice, which could position you for further advancement.⁵

Prepare for a Wide Range of Careers Options

The public safety and security industry boasts numerous career choices in a variety of public and private sector fields. An Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security may qualify you to pursue employment opportunities in areas such as computer crime, corrections, criminal investigation, loss prevention, fraud investigation, emergency management and response, law enforcement, public and private security, private investigations, or public safety.

An associate's degree from Kaplan University could help you pursue work in these environments:

- › Federal, state, and local government agencies and organizations
- › Police departments (additional academy training usually required)
- › Corporate security departments
- › Emergency response agencies

Possible Career Opportunities and Day-to-Day Activities:¹

- › Law enforcement (police officers and detectives; additional academy training usually required)—Pursue and apprehend individuals who break the law, and issue citations and warnings or make arrests; work to keep the peace and protect the public.
- › Emergency response—Assist in the organization and coordination of resources in response to emergency events in an effort to protect and keep communities safe.
- › Public safety—Develop plans and coordinated responses that are designed to prevent and protect the public from dangers such as crimes or disasters.
- › Corporate security—Develop security measures and protocols to protect employees and safeguard corporate assets.
- › Investigation—Assist in the gathering and compilation of information related to unlawful occurrences or rule infractions among private parties.

Build Your Strong Foundation With a Specialized Education

Kaplan University's public safety and security program is designed to offer a strong foundation of professional skills and public safety and security knowledge. This degree program features a pool of open electives that allows you to take courses inside and potentially even outside of the public safety and security area in subjects such as legal studies, public administration, and information technology. If you have prior experience in the public safety and security field, you may be eligible to enroll in the practitioner concentration, a flexible option that recognizes your past experience and learning.⁶ A capstone project at the end of the program gives you the opportunity to apply your new knowledge and skills to real-world public safety and security scenarios.

The program focuses on building the following knowledge and abilities:

- › Practical and technical skills and competencies required by many public safety and private security firms
- › Skills to properly prepare, plan, and execute decisive and appropriate public safety and security plans of action
- › Critical-thinking, decision-making, and communication skills needed to support public safety initiatives
- › Public safety and security leadership practices including the role of organizational culture, behavioral theory, planning, and community relations
- › An overview of how new technology is used to prevent and minimize criminal risk

Our Instructors Are Public Safety and Security Professionals

Kaplan University's faculty members have years of experience in the fields of public safety and security. Many are working professionals who truly understand your career requirements and the challenges you face, and offer real-world perspectives you can respect.

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Public Safety and Security

Credit Hours: 90

Program may not be available in all states.
Speak to an Admissions Advisor for details.



Kaplan University Tuition Cap

This program is offered at Kaplan University Tuition Cap pricing, which limits the cost of completion for eligible enrollees. For complete details, including eligibility, associated fees, and how prior learning credits could further lower the cost of attendance, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/paying-school/tuition-reduction.aspx.

Kaplan University—A Different School of Thought[®]

We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes for an Introductory Period.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan CommitmentSM gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.⁷

Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- › Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection
- › Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals
- › A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit⁸

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and Criminology
- › Bachelor of Science in Corrections
- › Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

Note From the Dean

“The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences degree programs are created to meet the unique needs of students. Whether students are interested in the flexibility of creating their own degree plan, applying previously earned college credit to earn their degree faster, or starting a degree from the beginning, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences focuses on the needs of adult students in pursuing their educational, career, and personal goals.”

Sara Sander

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Dean and Vice President,
College of Social and
Behavioral Sciences



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For comprehensive consumer information, visit kaplan.edu/info. For gainful employment information about our public safety programs, visit www.kaplanuniversity.edu/criminal-justice/ge.

1 Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional police academy training and education may be required for law enforcement jobs. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

2 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Private Detectives and Investigators, www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/private-detectives-and-investigators.htm, and Security Guards and Gaming Surveillance Officers, www.bls.gov/ooh/protective-service/security-guards.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

3 Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Police and Detectives, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/ooh/Protective-Service/Police-and-detectives.htm.

4 Source: U.S. Department of Justice, “Local Police Departments, 2013: Personnel, Policies, and Practices”, May 2015, www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/lpd13ppp.pdf.

5 While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any programs.

6 To enroll in the practitioner concentration, a student must be a certified law enforcement officer, have qualified through an articulation or partnership, or receive permission from the Dean.

7 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu and www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf. Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 31, 2017.

8 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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