About the Program
The Administration of Justice program, with an emphasis in law enforcement, provides students with the skills and knowledge to assist them in obtaining employment in a variety of areas, including law enforcement, corrections, probation, and fish and game. Those already working in law enforcement may take courses at Butte College to enhance their chances for promotional advancement. Students need competency in reading and writing. High school students should take courses in speech, English composition and basic math. Students in this program will improve their ability to read, write, and analyze situations. Students also will gain a basic understanding of California laws and case law.

The AS degree should be considered a step towards a higher degree or specialized instruction. Students who complete the two-year AS degree will have the knowledge and skills to assist them in seeking employment in many different areas of law enforcement.

Students interested in this major should contact the Public Safety Education and Training Center on the Butte College Main Campus. Any modification of this program must have the approval of the Dean for the Office of Career and Technical Education, or the Director of the Public Safety Education and Training Center.

Career Opportunities
There are many job opportunities available in federal, state, county and municipal law enforcement. Employment is also available in state and local correctional facilities and county probation offices. To compete successfully with other law enforcement applicants, individuals must be well trained and have a broad educational background. Most positions require at least an Associate’s degree.

To obtain an Associate’s degree, students must complete both the major requirements and the graduation requirements listed at the beginning of the Career and Technical Education Programs section of this catalog.

Note that some courses have a prerequisite (P), corequisite (C), or both (P/C). Prerequisites and corequisites are listed within each course description in this catalog.