

Criminal Justice

Mission

The mission of the Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree is to prepare students for employment in various criminal justice related areas such as police work, corrections and the courts. The program also serves as a basis to transfer on to complete a baccalaureate degree. For those already in service, the program provides educational progress for promotion and other career development purposes. The Criminal Justice program prepares students by educating them in the fundamental concepts, knowledge and practices of the field.

The Criminal Justice program provides students with an accessible, responsive learning environment that facilitates the achievement of educational, professional, and personal goals by offering quality higher education in an atmosphere that embraces academic excellence, diversity and innovation.

Program Outcomes

Criminal Justice graduates will be effective and informed citizens who are prepared for careers in the field. Upon completion of the Criminal Justice program, students will have:

1. a practical working understanding of the Criminal Justice system and the major component segments: Law Enforcement and Courts and Corrections.
2. acquired a solid foundation in Criminal Law and Correctional Procedures, Psychology, Sociology and Criminology, preparing them for career opportunities in the Criminal Justice or related fields
3. an academic foundation if they later choose to advance to a Bachelors Degree program.
4. ability to communicate well in written English, speech and mathematics which is necessary for their careers.
5. a practical education rounded with electives in the sciences, social sciences and humanities.

Health Considerations

Applicants should be aware of the basic health and fitness requirements for many careers in the criminal justice field. Prospective students with special needs or limitations that may affect their internship and/or potential employability are encouraged to discuss their career goals with the Program Director.

Character Expectations

Applicants should be aware that background checks are completed by potential employers prior to obtaining any position with arrest or detention powers. Applicants are advised to discuss any concerns with the Program Director prior to acceptance into the program.

Requirements

The minimum requirements for the Associate of Science in the Criminal Justice degree are as follows

- College Composition: 4 credits
- Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language: 3 credits
- Mathematics: 3-4 credits
- Lab Sciences: 4 credits
- Social Sciences: 12 credits
- Criminal Justice Program Courses: 30 credits
- Open Electives: 3 credits

Minimum of **60 credits** total for graduation

NOTE

* ENGL 102R, Math Elective, PSYC 212R, CRMJ 212R, CRMJ 204R, SOSC 201R, and CRMJ 290R have co/prerequisites. See course descriptions for requirements.

Program: Criminal Justice

Type: Associate of Science

First Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRMJ 101R	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRMJ 111R	Criminal Law	3
BCPT 101R	Introduction to Computer Applications	3
ENGL 102R	College Composition	3-4
PSYC 101R	Introduction to Psychology	3

First Year: Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRMJ 102R	Criminal Procedure	3
CRMJ 112R	Introduction to the Juvenile Justice System	3
CRMJ 210R	Drugs and the Law	3
SOSC 101R	Introduction to Sociology	3
	Mathematics Elective	3-4

Second Year: Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRMJ 201R	Criminology	3
CRMJ 204R	Crisis Intervention in Criminal Justice	3
CRMJ 212R	Criminal Justice Communication	3
PSYC 212R	Forensic Psychology	3
	Science Elective	3-4

Second Year: Spring Semester

* Abnormal Psychology is suggested for the Open Elective.

Item #	Title	Credits
CRMJ 211R	Justice and the Community	3
	CRMJ 290R or CRMJ 291R	3
SOSC 201R	Contemporary Social Problems	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts/World Language Elective	3
	Open Elective	3-4
	Total credits:	60-64