

Criminal Justice - A.S.

Curriculum

The Criminal Justice associate degree program prepares students for a variety of criminal justice career options, including entry-level positions in law enforcement, corrections, security, and other related fields. This degree allows students to progress in their current employment and potentially branch out into additional opportunities and possibilities within the vast and evolving criminal justice landscape.

Students receive a strong foundation in the principles of the American criminal justice system, investigative theories and practices, and ethical frameworks to address criminal justice operations. Enrolled students can apply all credits earned toward the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Upon completion of the program, graduates are expected to:

- Apply foundational knowledge of the American criminal justice system to current issues within the field.
- Utilize fundamental investigative theories and practices to evaluate evidence.
- Describe ethical considerations for criminal justice agencies in serving diverse communities.

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A two-year program leading to the associate in science degree

Major Courses

CJS1002	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJS1090	Law Enforcement	3
CJS2040	Corrections	3
CJS2050	Criminology	3
CJS3075	Criminal Investigation	3
CJS3850	Homeland Security	3
LAW3025	Criminal Law	3

Major Electives

Choose two of the following:		6
CJS1070	Criminal Courts	
CJS2085	Juvenile Justice	
CJS2150	Criminal Justice Ethics	
CJS3033	Community Policing	
CJS3210	Victimology	
CJS3450	Comparative Criminal Justice	
CJS3820	Cyber Crimes	
COMJ1020	Community Justice	
COMJ1080	Restorative Justice	
COMJ2030	Race, Crime and Justice	
COMJ3050	Cultural Awareness and Diversity in Criminal Justice	
PSCI2001	International Relations and World Politics	
REL2001	Comparative Study of World Religions	

Related Professional Studies

Choose one of the following:		3
PSYC1001	Introductory Psychology	
PSYC2002	Abnormal Psychology	
RSCH2050	Workshop in Acquiring Social Research Skills	
SOC3060	Deviant Behavior	

University Core Curriculum

Communicating		9
ENG1020	Rhetoric & Composition I	
ENG1021	Rhetoric & Composition II	
ENG1030	Communication Skills	
Connecting		3
One course with the Connecting attribute (ECNG), at the 2000 level		
Experiencing		3
HIST3200	American Government	
Measuring		3
MATH1002	A Survey of College Mathematics	
Exploring		3
Choose one of the following:		
SCI1015	Introduction to Life Science	
SCI2020	Introduction to Exercise Physiology	
SCI2031	Anatomy and Physiology	
Interacting		3

SOC1001

Sociology I

Free Electives

6 credits selected from 1000-4999 numbered offerings within the university

6

Total Credits

60.0

Note: Students must pass MATH0010 Pre-Algebra or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in required math courses.

Note: Students must pass ENG0001 Writing Workshop or have equivalent placement scores to enroll in ILS 2000-level courses.

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Admissions Requirements

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