



PROGRAMS OF **study**



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

The Criminal Justice Associate Degree program focuses on the criminal justice system, its organizational components and processes and its legal and public policy contexts. The program includes instruction in criminal law and policy, police and correctional systems organization, the administration of justice and the judiciary, and public attitudes regarding criminal justice issues.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice, graduates will be able to:

- Analyze and explain the functions and roles of all major aspects of the United States criminal justice system.
- Differentiate the institutions, laws and theories that make up the legal system.
- Explain the constitutional constraints under which police and prosecutors must operate in a free society, and the reasoning behind these limitations.
- Explain the importance and application of basic ethical behavior in the exercise of public trust and discretionary authority.
- Explain how multiculturalism and diversity present special challenges to, and opportunities for, the American system of criminal justice.
- Analyze, articulate and communicate criminal justice data and legal information using appropriate technology.
- Demonstrate the ability to record, analyze, interpret and communicate data for decision making and compliance with laws and protocols.



Career Opportunities

The Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare students for careers in police work, corrections and security in addition to serving as the 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.

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*The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall semester.
Students entering in the spring or summer will likely take longer than two years to complete the program.*

Curriculum Requirements: 60 Credits	Credits	Grade	Semester
First Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		
CJS 102 Ethics and Leadership in CJ	3		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
Math, General Education Core IV	3		
CJS 125 Criminal Law	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 120 Criminology	3		
CJS 170 Case Preparation	3		
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3		
Computer Literacy (CIS 115 or CIS 118 recommended)	3		
General Education Core II	3		
Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
SOC 210 Social Problems	3		
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
Choose 6 credits from CJS courses	6		
Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
General Education Core IV	3		
Open Elective	3		
Choose 3 credits from Program Elective List	3		
Choose 6 credits from CJS courses	6		

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