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, law enforcement and correctional organizations, the administration of justice and the judiciary, victim advocacy, and public attitudes regarding criminal justice issues.

Program Learning Outcomes

Students who successfully complete the Criminal Justice Associates in Applied Science degree will be able to:

- Identify the functions and roles of all major aspects of the United States criminal justice system.
- Describe 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.
- Discuss the importance and application of basic ethical behavior in the exercise of public trust and discretionary authority.
- Demonstrate effective written, oral and electronic-based communication skills in a professional workplace.

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.

Articulation agreements exist between York County Community College and various colleges and universities. Please, contact Career and Transfer Services for information regarding these agreements.

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Criminal Justice Program Sequencing The sequencing of courses in this program begins in the fall semester for live courses. Students entering in the spring or summer, or that take fewer than 5 classes each semester, will likely take longer than two years to complete the program.

Live On-campus courses

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		
CJS 125 Criminal Law	3		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
MAT 118 Quantitative Reasoning ***o***r MAT 124 Statistics	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 120 Criminology	3		
CJS 170 Case Preparation	3		
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 110 Victim Advocacy	3		
CJS 160 Contemporary Corrections	3		
CJS 205 Police Organizations	3		
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
General Education Core II	3		
General Education Core IV	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
SOC 210 Social Problems	3		

Program Elective List
Any CJS course
PSY 226 Forensic Psychology
PSY 228 Addiction and Substance Abuse
PSY 230 Abnormal Psychology

**Advising note: Three program electives (9 credits) must have a CJS prefix*

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Online courses

Curriculum Requirements: 60 Credits	Credits	Grade	Semester
First Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		
CJS 120 Criminology	3		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
MAT 118 Quantitative Reasoning ***o***r MAT 124 Statistics	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 102 Ethics and Leadership in CJ	3		
CJS 110 Victim Advocacy	3		
CJS 125 Criminal Law	3		
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
Second Year, Fall Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 170 Case Preparation	3		
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		
General Education Core II	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list	3		
Second Year, Spring Semester (15 credits)			
CJS 160 Contemporary Corrections	3		
CJS 205 Police Organizations	3		
General Education Core IV	3		
SOC 210 Social Problems	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list	3		

Program Elective List
Any CJS course
PSY 226 Forensic Psychology
PSY 228 Addiction and Substance Abuse
PSY 230 Abnormal Psychology

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Online courses part-time scheduling

Curriculum Requirements: 60 Credits	Credits	Grade	Semester
First Year, Fall Semester (6 credits)			
CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		
ENG 101 College Composition	3		
First Year, Spring Semester (6 credits)			
CJS 102 Ethics and Leadership in CJ	3		
CJS 125 Criminal Law	3		
First Year, Summer (6 credits)			
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3		
SPE 101 Oral Communications	3		
Second Year, Fall Semester (6 credits)			
CJS 120 Criminology	3		
MAT 118 Quantitative Reasoning ***o***r MAT 124 Statistics	3		
Second Year, Spring Semester (6 credits)			
CJS160 Contemporary Corrections	3		
CJS 205 Police Organizations	3		
Second Year, Summer Semester (6 credits)			
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3		
General Education Core II	3		
Third year, Fall Semester (6 credits)			
CJS 170 Case Preparation	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Third Year, Spring Semester (6 credits)			
CJS 110 Victim Advocacy	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Third Year, Summer Semester (6 credits)			
SOC 210 Social Problems	3		
General Education Core IV	3		
Fourth Year, Fall Semester (6 credits)			
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		
Choose 3 credits from program elective list*	3		

Program Elective List
Any CJS course
PSY 226 Forensic Psychology
PSY 228 Addiction and Substance Abuse
PSY 230 Abnormal Psychology

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