

Criminal Justice, AAS

School of Art, Humanities, Social Sciences and Public Service

Program Description

The Criminal Justice AAS program is designed for those who want to seek entry-level employment after earning their associate degree. The required courses provide a broad-based introduction to the field of criminal justice. In addition, credits of elective courses allow students to focus their study on areas of particular interest.

Career Opportunities

Recent graduates of the Criminal Justice AAS program have obtained jobs with the following titles: corrections office, security manager, police officer and youth worker.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Apply relevant laws, regulations and procedures to a law enforcement situation.
- Apply critical thinking skills in a law enforcement environment.
- Analyze information from criminal justice agencies and sources.
- Manage criminal justice information via technology.

- Analyze and evaluate data and research relating to the criminal justice profession.
- Practice positive interaction with the criminal justice community and other related agencies.
- Understand community diversification in a law enforcement environment.
- Develop effective policy/community relations.
- Practice positive interpersonal and communication skills as a member of the criminal justice environment.
- Practice appropriate investigative techniques.
- Adhere to accepted practices in criminal procedures related to assist, force, search and seizure.
- Develop effective decision-making abilities.
- Evaluate criminal justice programs.
- Develop criminal justice relationships and workplace skills.
- Understand the importance of physical fitness as a law office.

In addition, students may opt to acquire additional skills in the following areas:

- Correctional institution care of adults and juveniles.
- Administering probation and parole.
- Analysis of criminal evidence in the laboratory.
- Participation in community relations programs.

Sugg. Term	Seq #	Course ID	Course Title	Cr.	Prereq/Coreq(Co)	Options Available
1st Fall	1	PDV 101	First Year Seminar	1		
	2	CRJ 155	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3		
	3	CPT 150	Microcomputer Concepts	3		
	4	CRJ 160	Criminal Law I	3		
	5	ENG 161	College Writing	3	ENG 085 or Placement	
	6	PSY 160	General Psychology	3		
1st Spring	7	CRJ 163	Criminal Procedure	3		
	8	CRJ 172	Substance Abuse and Crime	3		SWK 172
	9	POL 255	American State & Local Government	3		SOC 155
	10	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List
	11	PHL 102	Critical Thinking	3		
2nd Fall	12	MTH 161	Modern College Mathematics	3	MTH 052 or Placement	Page 47 Column IV
	13	CRJ 255	Juvenile Delinquency	3		
	14	CRJ 296	Introduction to Criminalistics	3		CRJ 263
	15	CRJ 290	Principles of Criminology	3		
	16	ENG 164	Advanced Composition	3	ENG 161	ENG 162, ENG 163, ENG 168
2nd Spring	17	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List
	18	CRJ 162	Police Administration I	3		
	19	CRJ 287	Multiculturalism and The Criminal Justice System	3		
	20	SPC 155	Effective Speech	3		
	21	Elective	Restricted Elective	3		See List

Minimum Program Credits

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Restricted Electives: CRJ 195; CRJ 180; CRJ 220; CRJ 225; CRJ 261; CRJ 262; CRJ 263; CRJ 265; CRJ 276; CRJ 277; CRJ 283; CRJ 296; POL 155; PSY 270.