

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 with Permission of Instructor, ENG 095 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, POL 155 |
| | 10 | Elective | Restricted Elective | 3 | Varies | See List |
| | 11 | PHL 102 | Critical Thinking | 3 | | |
| 2nd Fall | 12 | MTH 161 | Modern College Mathematics | 3 | MTH 052 or Placement | Page 42 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 | Varies | 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 | Varies | See List |

Minimum Program Credits

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