

Criminal Justice

Associate of Applied Science Degree

2009-10 Academic Year

Major Code: 430107A

About the Program

The Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science degree is designed for students pursuing an educational program which will prepare them for careers in the fields of law enforcement and adult and juvenile corrections. This degree enables students to enter into criminal justice careers. Many of the courses taken toward this degree can be applied to a four-year degree in the criminal justice/criminology field.

Entry Requirements

Students are required to take a placement test to determine skill level and readiness in math, reading, and writing. As part of their training, students must begin with the courses within their skill levels as determined by placement test scores. A Criminal Justice program advisor must provide advising and approval of a student's program prior to registration. In addition, students may also be required to enroll in classes that would increase their employability and success.

Prospective students should be aware of entry requirements of criminal justice agencies prior to considering criminal justice fields as career choices. Conditions such as impaired hearing and/or eyesight, impaired physical agility, or a criminal history may preclude employment in some agencies. Students should discuss their individual circumstances with advisors and determine if any issues might preclude employment in the field.

Advanced Standing

Coursework from accredited colleges and universities will be accepted in accordance with college policies and the Criminal Justice Department's approval. In order to ensure that coursework is current, program courses over seven years old must be reviewed and approved by the appropriate department head before being accepted toward core requirements. Each "2+2" Early College Credit student must meet with a Criminal Justice Department coordinator to determine placement.

Graduation Requirements

Students must successfully complete the credits in this program with a grade of "C" or better to receive their degrees. Certain required courses are graded on a pass/no pass basis only. A grade of "P" for these courses indicates a student earned a "C" or better grade. Note: Effective summer term 2009, many general education courses went from three to four credits. The three-credit version of any art, writing, speech, humanities, or social science course will meet the same degree requirements as the new four-credit version. Students must still complete all required courses in this degree and at least 90 applicable credits to receive an associate degree.

Four credits (132 hours) of documented cooperative work experience in criminal justice, supervised by a professional, are required unless a waiver is granted.

Prerequisites

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BT120	Computer Typing (or demonstrated proficiency)	0-2
WR115	Introduction to Expository Writing (or designated placement test Score as shown on current indicator chart)	3
—	Approved 3-4 credit computer science class, CS120 or above (or documented computer proficiency) ¹	0-4

First Year Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
First Term		
CJ100	Foundations and Ethics in Criminal Justice	4
CJ110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	4
PSY101	Psychology of Human Relations or	
BT101	Human Relations at Work	3
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking or	
SP100	Basic Communication	3-4
WR121	English Composition I	4
		18-19

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Second Term		
CJ120	Introduction to the Judicial Process	4
CJ201/SOC221	Juvenile Delinquency	4
LIB127	Introduction to Library Research Methods	1
SOC204	Introduction to Sociology	4
WR122	English Composition II	4
9.167	Emergency First Aid or	
HE261	CPR	1
		18
Third Term		
CJ101/SOC244	Introduction to Criminology	4
CJ130	Introduction to Corrections	4
MTH60	Fundamentals of Algebra I or	
BT160	Business Math or higher level math (MTH105 or higher recommended for transfer)	4
WR227	Technical Writing	4
		16
TOTAL FIRST YEAR CREDITS		52-53

Second Year Required Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Fourth Term		
CJ114	Criminal Justice and Minorities	4
CJ220	Substantive Law	3
PSY201	General Psychology I	4
SPAN101	First Year Spanish I or approved program elective	3-4
—	Approved program elective	3-4
		17-19
Fifth Term		
CJ221	Procedural Law	3
PS202	U.S. Government II	3
PSY202	General Psychology II	4
SPAN102	First Year Spanish II or approved program elective	3-4
—	Approved program elective	3-4
		16-18
Sixth Term		
CJ223	Rules of Evidence	3
CJ280	Cooperative Work Experience/Criminal Justice	4
PS203	American Government III	3
SPAN103	First Year Spanish III or approved program elective	3-4
—	Approved program elective	3-4
		16-18
TOTAL SECOND YEAR CREDITS		49-55
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS		101-108

Approved Program Electives (9-12 credits required) ²

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
BA214	Business Communications	4
BA226	Business Law I	4
CJ91	ROLEA Module 1	2
CJ92	ROLEA Module 2	2
CJ93	ROLEA Module 3	2
CJ94	ROLEA Module 4	2
CJ95	ROLEA Module 5	2
CJ96	ROLEA Module 6	2
CJ97	ROLEA Module 7	2
CJ98	ROLEA Module 8	4
CJ99	Criminal Justice Workshop	0
CJ140	Criminalistics	4
CJ199	Special Studies: Criminal Justice	variable
CJ203	Crisis Intervention	3
CJ210	Criminal Investigation	4
CJ229	Community Corrections and Casework	4
CJ243/SOC243	Drugs, Crime and Addiction	4
CJ280	Cooperative Work Experience/Criminal Justice	variable
HDFS226	Child Development	3
HDFS260	Child Abuse and Neglect	3
HE252	First Aid/CPR	3
PS201	U.S. Government I	3
PSY215	Life Span Human Development	4
PSY219	Introduction to Abnormal Psychology	4
SOC205	American Society	4
SOC211	Social Deviance and Social Control	3
SOC213	Multicultural America	4
SOC225	Social Problems	4

Criminal Justice Experience and Inservice Training

(CJ91-CJ99 and/or CJ199)

Up to 16 credits may be applied to the Criminal Justice AAS degree program for students that have completed certified law enforcement or corrections academies, the Reserve Officer Law Enforcement Academy (ROLEA) program, and inservice training in criminal justice fields in recognition of career experiences. See a program advisor for more information.

¹ Required for graduation. Successful completion of CS101 or otherwise meeting the proficiency requirement within the last 10 years fulfills this requirement.

² Students should select elective courses with the assistance of their program advisors.

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