

Criminal Justice

A degree in criminal justice can be the first step to an exciting and rewarding career in public safety. The program gives students knowledge to apply their education directly on the job or to continue study toward a four-year degree. The criminal justice concentration offers two options: corrections and law enforcement. These options take an interdisciplinary approach that provides a knowledge base and encourages initiative and integrity. After completing an associate of arts degree, students may choose to transfer to a four-year college. Career fields include law enforcement, probation and parole, counseling, education, social services, security, and counseling.

Individuals considering employment in the criminal justice profession must be aware of strict admission qualifications. Factors that usually disqualify candidates from employment in the profession include a criminal record (i.e. theft, assault, murder), history of drug/alcohol abuse, significant psychological/personal disorders, physiological disorders, neuromuscular dysfunction, dishonesty, etc. Law enforcement agencies hire only the best qualified individuals available in order to obtain and maintain public trust and confidence at all times.

Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Arts Degree (2 years) Corrections Option

Freshman Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM 1020 Introduction to Corrections.....	3
ENGL 1010 English Composition I	3
Fine/Performing Arts*	3
HPER Basic Sports Series*	1
History*	3
	16

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2250 Community Based Corrections.....	3
CRIM 2100 Juvenile Justice.....	3
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness	2
SOCI 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3
Oral Communication*	3
English/Literature*	3
	17

Sophomore Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2200 Criminology.....	3
CRIM 2300 Sociology of Deviant Behavior	3
Mathematics*	3-5
Electives**	6
	15-17

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2000 Criminal Law.....	3
CRIM 2280 Issues in Corrections.....	3
Natural Science*	4-5
Social Science*	3
Elective**	3
	16-17

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* See general education requirements.

** Recommended electives: SOCI 2150 Issues of Unity and Diversity; SPAN 1200 Elementary Spanish I, PSYC 1810 Introduction to Psychology and PSYC 2800 Abnormal Psychology (Prerequisite: PSYC 1810).

Suggested Program of Study for Associate of Arts Degree (2 years) Law Enforcement Option

Freshman Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
ENGL 1010 English Composition I	3
CRIM 2260 Criminal Investigation	3
Mathematics*	3-5
Social Science*	3
	15-17

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 1270 Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CRIM 2350 Security & Loss Prevention.....	3
HPER 1500 Lifetime Wellness	2
Oral Communication*	3
Natural Science*	4-5
	15-16

Sophomore Year

FIRST SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2030 Police and Society	3
CRIM 2310 Rules of Evidence.....	3
Behavioral Science*	3
English/Literature*	3
Elective**	3
	15

SECOND SEMESTER	
Course	Credits
CRIM 2000 Criminal Law.....	3
CRIM 2180 Criminal Justice Organization and Management.....	3
SOCI 2150 Issues of Unity and Diversity	3
Fine/Performing Arts*	3
History*	3
HPER Sports Series	1
	16

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