

**Associate in Applied Science in
Criminal Justice**

The Criminal Justice Field

The field of criminal justice involves the three components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections. This academic discipline also includes study of the juvenile justice system and the extent and causes of crime among adults and juveniles. The courses offered in the associate degree program will provide students with information about all of these subjects. Criminal justice is an exciting and interesting discipline that can lead to attractive and worthwhile careers.

Careers in Criminal Justice

The field of criminal justice continues to provide employment opportunities and is predicted to do so in the future. Employment is available at the local, state, and federal levels of law enforcement corrections and in the juvenile justice system. There are special opportunities for women and minorities in the field. An associate degree in criminal justice will provide students with a competitive advantage.

Program Learning Outcomes

1. The student will have the fundamental knowledge of the criminal justice field.
2. The student will know and understand the basic philosophies behind policing, corrections, courts, juvenile justice, probation and parole, and victimology.
3. The student will understand the procedures outlined by the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights for criminal procedure.
4. The student will have current information on trends in criminal justice.
5. The student will have a basic knowledge of Supreme Court cases that influence the criminal justice field.
6. The student will understand the need for lifelong learning, as a result of the changing trends and laws in the United States.
7. The student will be exposed to a wide variety of situations in the criminal justice field and be able to use the knowledge to better understand the situation and develop the correct response of the criminal justice professional.

Curriculum/Suggested Sequence

(63-64 hours required for graduation)

College 101 required for all students with a composite ACT score of 19 or below

FIRST SEMESTER

COLL	101	College 101*	3
CJ	101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
SOC	101	Intro to Sociology	3
ENGL	101	English Composition I OR	
ENG	110	English Composition I	3
HUM	101	Intro to Humanities*	<u>3</u>
		Total Credits	15

THIRD SEMESTER

CJ	224	Punishment and Corrections	3
CJ	226	Court Systems in the US	3
POSC	101	American Government	3
SOC	208	Minorities in America	3
CS	106	Intro to Comp & Office Appl OR	
BST	240	Fund of Bus Comp App	<u>3</u>
		Total Credits	15

SECOND SEMESTER

CJ	204	Juvenile Justice & Delinquency	3
CJ	223	Police and Society	3
COMM	100	Speech Communications	3
ENGL	102	English Composition II	3
MATH	100	Intermediate Algebra OR	
MATH	101	College Algebra OR	
BST	104	Business Math	<u>3</u>
		Total Credits	15

FOURTH SEMESTER

CJ	225	Victimology	3
CJ	230	Criminology	3
CJ	380	Criminal Procedure	3
ENGL	204	Writing for Business	3
GED		**GED Science Requirement	3-4
		Free Elective	<u>3</u>
		Total Credits	18-19

****General Education Science Electives:** BIOL 101, 102, CHEM 100, PHYS 103, 110, 120

*Not currently in the WVSU baccalaureate general education core, but are accepted for credit.

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