

Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice (Law Enforcement Option)

Purpose

The field of criminal justice involves the three components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections. The law enforcement option emphasizes the police component of the criminal justice system. Students will have a complete understanding of policing, including the history of policing and the goals and operations of police departments. In addition, students will understand criminal and procedural laws.

Job Opportunities

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 and state levels in law enforcement. Students with an associate degree may have a competitive edge when applying for promotions.

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 expose to a wide variety of situations in the criminal justice field and be able to use the knowledge gained here to better understand the situation and develop the correct response of the criminal justice professional.

CURRICULUM/SUGGESTED SEQUENCE

(63-64 hours required for graduation)

FIRST SEMESTER

COLL	101	College 101	3
CJ	101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
ENGL	101	English Composition I OR	
ENG	110	English Composition I	3
HUM	101	Intro to Humanities	3
CS	106	Intro to Comp & Office Appl OR	
BST	240	Fund of Bus Comp Tech	<u>3</u>
Total Credits			15

SECOND SEMESTER

CJ	204	Juvenile Justice and Deliq	3
CJ	223	Police and Society	3
COMM	100	Speech Communications	3
ENGL	102	English Composition II	3
MATH	100	Intermediate Algebra OR	
MATH	111	Math for the Liberal Arts OR	
BST	104	Business Mathematics	<u>3</u>
Total Credits			15

THIRD SEMESTER

CJ	362	Contemporary Issues in Policing	3
CJ	226	Court Systems in the US	3
POSC	101	American Government	3
SOC	208	Minorities in America	3
CJ	307	Criminal Law	<u>3</u>
Total Credits			15

FOURTH SEMESTER

CJ	308	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
ENGL	204	Writing for Bus & Other Prof	3
GED	**	GE Science Requirement	3-4
CJ	380	Criminal Procedure	3
CJ	301	Criminalistics	3
CJ	413	Internship in CJ (law Enforcement related)	<u>3</u>
Total Credits			18-19

**See Program Director for GE Science Requirements.

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