

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice is the study of the causes, consequences and control of crime. The program leading to the Criminal Justice Associate in Art (AA) degree is designed to acquaint pre-service and in-service students with the principles and practices of criminal justice systems in America. Although the program's curriculum allows for the development of depth in one of the subject's major systems (i.e., law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts or corrections), the objective of this program is to familiarize students with concepts in all of the above areas.

The Criminal Justice program is both academic and professional in that it is an interdisciplinary approach to relating intellectual issues and practitioner perspectives to the challenge of crime in a free society. Consequently, the program provides preparation for employment with a related agency and/or transfer to a four-year college or university.

Students completing the Criminal Justice program will be prepared to work in a variety of positions such as municipal police officers, county deputy sheriffs, probation or correctional officers, game wardens, state park officers, and private security officers.

Student Learning Outcomes for this major are:

- Analyze the historical perspective, cultural evolution, and the origin of criminal law.
- Describe the steps of the legal process, including pre-arrest, arrest through trial, sentencing, appeal and correctional procedures.
- Evaluate the influences and consequences of crime, including social and psychological factors.
- Recognize the influence of multicultural factors as they relate to the criminal justice system.
- Describe the importance of professional ethics in the major areas of the criminal justice system.
- Acquire the skills and knowledge necessary for obtaining employment in a variety of areas, including the court system, law enforcement, and corrections/community supervision.

A. GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

See pages 55-57 for details.

B. REQUIRED COURSES

28-29 units distributed as follows:

1. All courses from the following (8 units):

- CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRJ 102 Criminal Law

2. Three courses selected from the following (12 units):

- CRJ 103 Introduction to Evidence
- CRJ 104 Criminal Court Process
- CRJ 105 Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice
- CRJ 108 Juvenile Law and Procedures
- CRJ 110 Introduction to Corrections
- CRJ 112 Introduction to Investigation

3. Two courses selected from the following (8-9 units):

- MAT 201 Elementary Statistics
- PSY 101 General Psychology
- SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology

C. ELECTIVE UNITS to bring the total to 90.