

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AS

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree is designed to provide our students with a solid foundation of the criminal justice system. Students are introduced to law enforcement and correctional concepts and practices. They also study law and social sciences as applied to the field of criminal justice. Current themes in criminal justice including criminal justice reform, bail reform, poverty, decarceration, and restorative justice are explored to provide our students with the innovative tools for creating effective changes in communities throughout the United States. The program level objectives for students completing the AS in Criminal Justice are as follows:

1. Trace and articulate the historical impact of the U.S. Constitution on the formation of the American criminal justice system
2. Analyze and articulate the major components of American criminal justice system, including an evaluation of the impact of processes and public policy on each component
3. Formulate a standard competency for analyzing the concepts of criminal law and criminal law cases
4. Define, evaluate and critique the nature, extent and cause of crime(s) and the relevant theories that apply to such crimes
5. Assess the value and importance of ethical decision-making by the various criminal justice actors within the hierarchy of their organizations
6. Develop interpersonal and professional skills essential for academic and professional development

Graduates of this degree program are prepared with the knowledge, skills, and effective work habits required for entry-level positions in criminal justice and related fields.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
Major-Related Courses		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
CJ-202	Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America	3
CJ-205	Criminal Procedure and Process	3
CJ-210	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ-211 or CJ-160	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community Cyber Crime	3
CJ-212	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3
Major-Related Courses Subtotal		24
General Education and Related Courses		
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
EN-121	Analytical Thinking, Writing & Research	3
HS-101	Introduction to Human Services	3
IT-118	Integrated Business Applications	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
LA-103 or LA-160	Introduction to Political Science Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	3
LA-213	Restorative Justice Principles And Practice	3
LA-240	Criminology	3
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3

Liberal Arts Elective	3
Open Electives	6
General Education and Related Courses Subtotal	36
Total Credits	60

Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
Semester 1		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-202	Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America	3
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
LA-ELE	Liberal Arts Elective (LA-122 strongly recommended)	3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
EN-121	Analytical Thinking, Writing & Research	3
IT-118	Integrated Business Applications	3
LA-103 or LA-160	Introduction to Political Science or Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	3
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
CJ-205	Criminal Procedure and Process	3
CJ-212	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
HS-101	Introduction to Human Services	3
LA-213	Restorative Justice Principles And Practice	3
Open Elective ¹		3
Credits		15
Semester 4		
CJ-210	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ-211 or CJ-160	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community or Cyber Crime	3
CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3
LA-240	Criminology	3
Open Elective ¹		3
Credits		15
Total Credits		60

¹ Electives should be chosen based on advisement. Both Open Electives can be used to fulfill the Legal Studies Concentration.

Legal Studies Concentration

Code	Title	Credits
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
CJ-201	Family Law	3
CJ-270	Fundamentals of Criminal Trial Practice	3
Total Credits		9