

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Program Description

The Criminal Justice Program is offered completely online. Students will begin to explore the field of Criminal Justice, which includes areas such as human services, social work, juvenile justice, law enforcement, corrections, parole and probation, criminal law, and the courts. Criminal Justice is a multi-faceted field and the Criminal Justice Program provides students the opportunities to acquire and practice desired career skills such as empathy, active listening, and cultural competency to engage in ethical practices that promote human and professional growth, dignity, respect and self-determination. Candidates entering the program should have excellent organizational skills, the ability to work in a team (collaborative) setting, and a genuine desire to help others.

Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice will:

1. Identify the major steps of the criminal justice process and how a case proceeds through the criminal justice system, including landmark Supreme Court decisions
2. Communicate effectively in the criminal justice system including written, verbal and nonverbal form
3. Describe how criminal justice professionals work effectively within a diverse society
4. Describe the importance of positive criminal justice interactions, with an emphasis on continuing dialogue between all aspects of the criminal justice system and all segments of the community
5. Demonstrate appropriate work ethic to effectively interact with diverse persons within society with respect to culture, heritage, gender, and age

Career Considerations

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice is designed to prepare graduates to enter occupations within the criminal justice field.

Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Term		
CJ 101	Intro to Criminology	3
CJ 105	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ 110	Intro to Law Enforcement	3
WR 115 or WR 117	Intro to Expos Writing (or higher) or Writing for Trades	4
Credits		13
Second Term		
CJ 120	Intro to Judicial Process	3
CJ 140	Intro to Criminalistics	3
HS 102	Addiction Pharmacology ¹	3
MTH 104	Math Literacy (or higher)	4
Credits		13

Third Term		
CJ 114	Diversity Issues in CJ	3
CJ 130	Intro to Corrections	3
SOC 204	Intro to Sociology	3
PSY 101	Psychology of Human Relations	3
WR 227Z	Technical Writing ¹	4
Credits		16
Second Year		
First Term		
CJ 243	Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	3
CJ 261	Intro to Parole and Probation	3
HS 227	Family Systems and Trauma ¹	3
PSY 201Z	Introduction to Psychology I	4
SDP 109	Elements of Supervision ¹	3
Credits		16
Second Term		
CJ 211	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 226	Intro to Constitutional Law	3
LA 102	Legal Terminology ¹	3
PSY 202Z	Introduction to Psychology II	4
SOC 207	Juvenile Delinquency	3
Credits		16
Third Term		
CJ 203	Crisis Intervention Seminar	1
CJ 210	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 230	Intro-Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 240	Criminalistics II	3
COM 218Z or COM 111Z	Interpersonal Communication or Public Speaking	4
SOC 225	Social Aspects of Addiction	3
Credits		17
Total Minimum Credits		91

¹ Any approved elective course can be taken. See advisor for list of course options

Advising Notes

- Please see your academic advisor for an individualized academic plan.
- VA students, please see academic advisor for individualized academic plan to meet funding requirements.
- A PC with MS Word 2013 or newer is required for completing all work in this program. Working knowledge of MS Word is required.