

CRIMINAL JUSTICE-AA

TRANSFER ASSOCIATE IN ARTS DEGREE ONLINE OPTION

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Students who complete the suggested two-year curriculum in criminal justice will be prepared for transfer into four-year bachelor's degree programs. Since each school has slightly different requirements to complete the degree, it is important that students be in contact with the transfer school when planning a program of study.

Major concentration options include law enforcement, corrections and security. Those who complete the two year program may also find employment in certain sectors of the criminal justice field, but careful consultation with program personnel is recommended before such a decision is made.

The criminal justice options provide a broad professional background for students entering these career fields. A working knowledge of the various systems is provided by the criminal justice courses, with sociology and psychology courses aiding in the understanding of human behavior. Students should seek familiarity with bureaucratic structures and systems.

An Associate in Arts degree is awarded to those who complete requirements for the two-year degree.

Career Possibilities: Police Officer, Corrections Officer, Detective, Security Officer, Youth Bureau Officer, Narcotics Investigator, Parole/Probation Officer, County Sheriff, Highway Patrolman, Industrial Security Chief.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM FOR ASSOCIATE IN ARTS:	CREDITS
American Government (POLS 115)	3
College Composition I-II, Intro. to Professional Writing (ENGL 110 and 120 or 125)	6
Fundamentals of Public Speaking (COMM 110)	3
History (HIST 101, 102, 103, or 104).....	3
Intro. to Psychology (PSYC 111).....	3
Intro. to Sociology (SOC 110).....	3
*Math Elective (MATH 103 or higher)	3
Criminal Law (CJ 230)	3
Criminology (SOC 252) or Developmental Psychology (PSYC 250).....	3
Intro. to Criminal Justice (CJ 201).....	3
Laboratory Science	4
Math/Science/Technology Elective.....	3
Enrichment.....	2
Arts and Humanities Electives.....	6
Total credits.....	48

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPTION:

Introduction to Policing (CJ 210)	3
Police Administration (CJ 223).....	3
Criminal Investigation (CJ 226).....	3
Criminal Evidence (CJ 231).....	3

CORRECTIONS OPTION:

Juvenile Delinquency (SOC 253)	3
Intro. to Corrections (CJ 270)	3
Community Based Corrections (CJ 271)	3
Juvenile Justice Systems (CJ 254)	3

* If students use Math 102 to meet BSC general education requirements, they must also take an additional 3 credit Math/Science/Technology course to meet GERTA requirements.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

CJ 170 Introduction to Security

BD

3 credits

The history, nature and scope of private security in modern society; the basic principles of physical security, internal loss prevention, defensive systems, fire prevention and safety; the security function in the corporate structure; operations and career opportunities exemplified in such specific areas as retail, hospital, cargo and computer security services, contract or proprietary.

CJ 171	Internal Theft Investigation and Control	BD	3 credits
How and why employee theft occurs in its many forms, and its impact on business. Internal theft controls, including pre-employment screening, honesty testing, management's role in preventing internal theft, cash and merchandise controls.			
CJ 172	Business and Retail Security	BD	3 credits
Differentiation within the entire security system. Trends of business and retail security systems and methodology for providing retail security needs. Detection and control of loss and prevention techniques.			
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	F&S SM	3 credits
Introduction to Criminal Justice involves the survey of law enforcement: the role, history, development and constitutional aspects of law enforcement and public safety. The course also includes a review of the agencies: police, courts, corrections and others involved in the process and administration of criminal justice.			
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	Fall	3 credits
An introduction to the specific field of law enforcement and its responsibilities; including patrol, traffic, investigation, juvenile and special operational units. Federal, State and Local agencies will be reviewed to distinguish their separate roles and coordinating efforts for maximizing the necessary efficiency of law enforcement, as we know it.			
CJ 220	Criminal Law	Fall	3 credits
Survey of substantive criminal law as a means of attaining certain socially desirable ends like the preservation and protection of life and property; emphasis on historical and philosophical concepts.			
CJ 223	Police Administration	BD	3 credits
Administration of police line operations; Review principles of various administrative styles for organization and administration of staff functions and activities; including policy, personnel distribution and analysis of operations.			
CJ 226	Criminal Investigation	Spring	3 credits
Introduction to criminal investigation procedures including theory of an investigation, conduct at crime scenes, collection and preservation of physical evidence; methods used in police science laboratory, fingerprints, ballistics, documents, serology, photography, and related forensic sciences.			
CJ 231	Criminal Evidence and Procedure	Spring	3 credits
Deals with rules of evidence of particular import at the operational level in law enforcement and with criminal procedure in important areas such as arrest, force, and search and seizure.			
CJ 232	Administration of Justice	BD	3 credits
For criminal justice students or laymen; designed to broaden the understanding of the student concerning the various agencies involved in the administration of criminal law. Emphasis is placed upon the more important law enforcement functions and interrelationships from arrest to executive pardon.			
CJ 235	Field Experience and Internship	F&S SM	3 credits
Observation and work experience under the direction of a faculty member in a local, county, or state criminal justice agency.			
CJ 254	Juvenile Justice System	Spring	3 credits
Special legal status of the juvenile, protective services, the juvenile and family, court movement, and child labor laws. Emphasis on noncriminal aspects of administration of juvenile justice, guardianship, dependency, neglect, child support, paternity and adoption.			
CJ 270	Introduction to Corrections	Fall	3 credits
Survey of current correctional thought and practices in the United States. Evolution of modern correctional practices in the United States. Overview of correctional treatment in different types of institutions and in the community.			
CJ 271	Community Based Corrections	Spring	3 credits
Basic concepts, history, legislation and practices used in work with juveniles and adults who have been placed on probation or parole; criteria of selection, methods of supervision, and elements of case reporting.			
CJ 294	Independent Study		1-3 credits
Independent or directed study of special topics in criminal justice. Department chairperson approval is required.			
CJ 299	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	BD	1-3 credits
Repeatable to six semester hours. An examination of special topics in criminal justice.			
CJ 195-295	Service Learning		1-3 credits
Maximum of six semester hours. Service learning may be accomplished by one of three methods: Joining a club that has a public service component, doing volunteer work at a non-profit organization, or taking a course that links public service with its curriculum.			
CJ 197-297	Cooperative Education/Internship	F&S SM	1-3 credit hours each
Repeatable up to a maximum of six hours. Work hours are arranged by employer, adviser and student. Progress is checked by oral and written reports from the employer. Periodic student-adviser conferences are required to discuss progress or problems. Students are required to submit an accounting of their experiences to their instructor. All co-op experiences are based on a satisfactory/unsatisfactory basis. Department chair approval is required.			

CRIMINAL JUSTICE-AAS

TECHNICAL ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE ONLINE OPTION

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The Criminal Justice program leading to an Associate in Applied Science degree is comprised of professional and general education courses and is designed to provide the student with a broad exposure to criminal justice theory and process. Students will also be exposed to contemporary issues and problems, along with sound philosophical insights for understanding society and the ideals of the United States system of justice.

The curriculum provides a balanced approach to both law enforcement and corrections, with supporting courses that enhance both perspectives. Students follow a more focused curriculum that allows learning the fundamentals of the field without completing the more general college requirements of the Associate in Arts degree.

The program was developed in conjunction with active criminal justice professionals who serve as members of an advisory committee.

Prospective criminal justice students should be aware that criminal justice and security employment candidates are subject to extensive background checks that may include drug screening, polygraph testing, physical and psychological examinations, and oral and/or written proficiency examinations.

Successful completion of the program does not necessarily guarantee that students will obtain employment in the field of criminal justice. The goal of the program is to provide students with an educational opportunity that prepares them for the rigors of employment competition within the scope of criminal justice career planning.

The candidate for the Associate in Applied Science must complete 60 semester hours with a cumulative grade point of 2.0.

While not designed as a transfer program, with careful course selection, graduates could complete the appropriate prerequisites to continue on with a four-year degree program.

Career Possibilities: Police Officer, Corrections Officer, Investigator, Security Officer, Deputy, Industrial Security Officer, Halfway House/Residential Facility Staff.

CURRICULUM FOR ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS CREDITS

Introduction to Criminal Justice (CJ 201).....	3
Criminal Law (CJ 220)	3
Criminology (SOC 252).....	3
Field Experience and Internship (CJ 235)	3
Intro to Sociology (SOC 110) or Social Problems (SOC 115)	3
Ethics (PHIL 210)	3
Total credits.....	18

ELECTIVES	CREDITS
Selected Electives	15

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	CREDITS
English 110	3
ENGL 120, ENGL 125 or COMM 110.....	3
Art & Humanities/Social & Behavioral Sciences.....	3
Business/Math/Science/Technology	6
Total credits.....	15

PLUS ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPTION:	CREDITS
Introduction to Policing (CJ 210)	3
Police Administration (CJ 223).....	3
Criminal Investigation (CJ 226).....	3
Criminal Evidence and Procedure (CJ 231).....	3

COMMUNITY SUPPORT OPTION:	CREDITS
Juvenile Delinquency (SOC 253)	3
Juvenile Justice System (CJ 254).....	3
Introduction to Corrections (CJ 270)	3
Community Based Corrections (CJ 271)	3

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CJ)

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CJ 197-297 Cooperative Education/Internship

F&S SM

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