

# 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
<b>Major-Related Courses</b>		
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	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community	3
or CJ-160	Cyber Crime	
CJ-212	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3
Major-Related Courses Subtotal		24
<b>General Education and Related Courses</b>		
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-213	Restorative Justice Principles And Practice	3
LA-103	Introduction to Political Science	3
or LA-160	Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	
LA-240	Criminology	3
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3

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

## Recommended Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester 1</b>		
CJ-101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-202	Prisons: Punishment and Rehabilitation In America	3
LA-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
EN-111	College Writing and Critical Analysis	3
LA-122	Fundamentals of Communication (Strongly Recommended)	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
CJ-200	Criminal Law	3
EN-121	Analytical Thinking, Writing & Research	3
LA-103	Introduction to Political Science	3
or LA-160	or Introduction to Civics and Political Engagement	
MA-115	Quantitative Reasoning	3
IT-118	Integrated Business Applications	3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
CJ-210	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ-211	Criminal Justice Systems and the Community	3
or CJ-160	or Cyber Crime	
CJ-292	Seminar in Criminal Justice Studies	3
LA-240	Criminology	3
Open Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Electives should be chosen based on advisement

## Legal Studies Concentration

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