

Associate in Applied Science Degree

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY

-1The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice offers a well-rounded study of the criminal justice system, focusing on the legal issues and fundamental concepts and principles associated with law enforcement, the courts, corrections, and juvenile justice. It is designed for students who want to increase their employment potential, increase their advancement potential, or transfer into a senior institution that accepts HGTC criminal justice courses. The program concludes with an intensive capstone course in which students develop education portfolios based on previous coursework and a 135-hour internship involving activities that require the application of concepts taught throughout the program.

-1The field of criminal justice, whether law enforcement, the courts, corrections, or juvenile justice, involves ever-expanding areas for career opportunities. The need for highly skilled and educated employees will continue, especially with rapidly advancing fields of law enforcement, criminal investigations, and crime scene investigations. There will also be a need for dedicated men and women in the diverse areas that comprise the criminal justice system.

Program Information

Specific Admission Requirements for Program

- Criminal Background Check must be satisfactorily completed before students can enroll in any criminal justice course.
- Criminal Justice Program will deny eligibility for enrolling in a CRJ-prefixed course if an applicant/student has an arrest and/or conviction for any offense involving violence, moral turpitude, drug violations, misdemeanors with a sentence of 1 year or more, a felony, or a pattern of offenses that exhibits an absence of trust, honesty, compliance with the law, and/or appropriate standard of behavior that would prevent placement with a criminal justice internship site.
- Students may start the Criminal Justice Program at the beginning of any semester.

Course Sequence and Progression Requirements

A minimum grade of "C" or better is required for all CRJ-prefixed courses for progression and graduation. Most Criminal Justice (CRJ) courses are offered only once each year, so following the recommended course sequence is extremely important.

CURRICULUM SEQUENCE

First Semester - Fall	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
Refer to chosen Pathway for additional classes		
Total Credits shown under pathway		
Second Semester - Spring		
CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
Refer to chosen Pathway for additional classes		
Total Credits shown under pathway		
Third Semester - Summer		
CRJ 203	Forensic Photography	3
CRJ 230	Criminal Investigation I	3
Refer to chosen Pathway for additional classes		
Total Credits shown under pathway		
Fourth Semester - Fall		
CRJ 130	Police Administration	3

(Continued)

CRJ 220	Judicial Process	3
SPC 205	Public Speaking	3

Refer to chosen Pathway for additional classes

Total Credits shown under pathway

Fifth Semester - Spring

CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
CRJ 260	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3

Refer to chosen Pathway for additional classes

Total Credits shown under pathway

-1

Pathways

Each pathway lists the additional courses necessary to complete during the corresponding semester, as those shown above.

Crime Scene Investigation	Pre-Police Academy Training*	Correctional Officer Training	General Transfer Emphasis
First Semester - Fall	First Semester - Fall	First Semester - Fall	First Semester - Fall
CRJ 202	MAT 155 OR MAT 101 SOC 101	MAT 155 OR MAT 101 SOC 101	MAT 155 OR MAT 101
Total Credits 12	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 12
Second Semester - Spring	Second Semester - Spring	Second Semester - Spring	Second Semester - Spring
CRJ 201 MAT 155 OR MAT 101	CRJ 281 PSY 201	CRJ 271 PSY 201	CRJ 222 SOC 101
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15
Third Semester - Summer	Third Semester - Summer	Third Semester - Summer	Third Semester - Summer
SOC 101	CRJ 282	CRJ 272	CRJ 145
Total Credits 9	Total Credits 9	Total Credits 9	Total Credits 9
Fourth Semester - Fall	Fourth Semester - Fall	Fourth Semester - Fall	Fourth Semester - Fall
CRJ 229 PSY 201	CRJ 283 HIS 102 OR HIS 201	CRJ 273 HIS 102 OR HIS 201	CRJ 218 PSY 201
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15	Total Credits 15
Fifth Semester - Spring	Fifth Semester - Spring	Fifth Semester - Spring	Fifth Semester - Spring
CRJ 235 HIS 102 OR HIS 201	CRJ 284	CRJ 222	CRJ 224 HIS 102 OR HIS 201
Total Credits 15	Total Credits 12	Total Credits 12	Total Credits 15

* Must complete PPAT Certificate first.

(Continued)

TOTAL CREDIT
HOURS 66