

Associate in Applied Science Degree

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY

The 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.

Students interested in seeking a position in investigations or with a crime-scene unit in a law enforcement agency can choose selectives designed to provide the basic principles of criminal investigations, crime-scene process, case preparation, forensic-science techniques, applications, and equipment from both a theoretical perspective in the classroom and through hands-on field training. The CSI offerings are also designed for the current law-enforcement officer who is seeking additional education or training for advancement or as a member of an investigative unit or a crime-scene unit.

The 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
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics	3
or		
MAT 101	Beginning Algebra	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
	TOTAL	15
Second Semester - Spring		
CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
or		
CRJ 202	Criminalistics**	
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
	TOTAL	15

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Third Semester - Summer

CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency	3
or		
CRJ 201	Fingerprint Science**	
CRJ 203	Forensic Photography	3
CRJ 230	Criminal Investigation I	3
	TOTAL	9

Fourth Semester - Fall

CRJ 130	Police Administration	3
CRJ 220	Judicial Process	3
CRJ 218	Crisis Intervention	3
or		
CRJ 229	Bloodstain Pattern Analysis**	
HIS 201	American History to 1877	3
or		
HIS 102	Western Civilization Post 1689	
SPC 205	Public Speaking	3
	TOTAL	15

Fifth Semester - Spring

CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3-4
or		
Lab Science		
or		
CRJ 235	Practical Crime Scene Investigation**	
CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
CRJ 260	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3
	TOTAL	12-13
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	66-67

**CSI course electives