

Criminal Justice Administration A.A.S. (CJA)

The purpose of this program is to provide knowledge about the management, organization, and operation of the criminal justice system, with emphasis on law enforcement and correctional agencies. In conjunction with a study of the entire criminal justice system, the student may elect enforcement or correction courses, depending upon his or her objective.

Graduates of the program may qualify for employment in local, state, and some federal law enforcement and corrections agencies, or continue their education at a four-year college or university.

Jobs for which graduates are expected to be qualified include local and county police officer, state trooper, police detective, federal and state security officer, liquor control agent, drug enforcement officer, private detective, commercial and retail security officer, and corrections officer.

Upon successful completion of this program, graduates will be able to:

- describe and explain the functions of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections.
- analyze how law enforcement, courts, and corrections function as components of a criminal justice system.
- describe and explain the historical perspective of the principles, theories, and challenges inherent in the criminal justice system.
- describe, explain, and analyze the legal and ethical issues in criminal justice.

First Semester		Credits
CJA 101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
CJA 105 or CJA 116	Criminal Investigations Corrections Administration	3
ENG 105	Research and Composition	3
SOC 150	Introduction to Sociology	3
ENG 111	Speech	3
		15

Second Semester		Credits
CJA 119	Juvenile Justice	3
ENG 106 or ENG 107	Introduction to Literature Writing in the Workplace	3
PSY 140	Introduction to Psychology	3
Elective*	Criminal Justice Administration	3
Elective	Mathematics/Science	3-4
		15-16

Third Semester		Credits
CJA 215 or CJA 225	Law Enforcement and Society Probation and Parole	3
CJA 240	Criminal Law	3
PSC 141 or PSC 235	American Federal Government Constitutional Law	3
SOC 151	Modern Social Problems	3
Elective	Mathematics/Science	3-4
		15-16

Fourth Semester		Credits
CJA 201	Criminal Evidence and Court Procedure	3
PSC 142	State and Local Government	3
SOC 250	Criminology	3
Electives*	Criminal Justice Administration	6
		15
Credit Total		60

*Recommended electives: CJA 104, 106, 214, 232, 234;
 Note: CJA 105, 116, 215 or 225 may be used as CJA electives if not selected for the main CJA course criteria.

CED 272 may be taken for degree credit in this program.

Students wishing to qualify for employment in law enforcement should take CJA 105 and 215. Students wishing to qualify for employment in corrections agencies should take CJA 116 and 225.

Students wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university should take ENG 106.

Students should consult four-year college or university catalogs for the transferability of suggested CJA electives.

Prior Learning Assessment: Previous job training, certificates and work experience that may qualify for college credit (*see academic advisor*).

Gateway Courses: Based on placement testing in reading, writing and math, these prerequisite courses may have to be taken before placement in College English or Mathematics beginning the first semester and concurrently.

RSS 099	Basic Skills Reading	3
RSS 100	Critical Reading	3
ENG 099	Basic Skills Writing	3
ENG 100	Fundamentals of Writing	3
MAT 090	Mathematical Literacy	6
ESL 251	English for Academic Purpose	6
		(Required for ESL students only.)

Please note, taking gateway courses will increase your time for completion.