

Criminal Justice (Associate of Arts Louisiana Transfer Degree)

The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice provides students with the foundational knowledge necessary to continue their education in pursuit of a four-year degree in the social sciences. The curriculum is part of the Associate of Arts Louisiana Transfer Degree program (AALT).

Completion of a Louisiana Transfer degree guarantees that the student has met, in full, all lower division general education requirements for all receiving Louisiana public universities. Graduates who transfer with a Louisiana Transfer degree will be assigned junior status at the receiving institution. Note that course and GPA requirements for specific majors, departments, and schools must be met independently and should be verified by the student.

Students should carefully note the *Exclusionary Courses* listed in the **General Education Requirements** section – some courses are exclusive to each other and cannot both be taken for credit (e.g., MATH1113 and 1213). To receive this degree, the student must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better in all credit hours to be used towards the degree.
- Earn a “C” or better in all courses.
- Complete the coursework listed below.

Program Outcomes. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Communicate in standard edited English, write and speak with clarity, coherence, and persuasiveness.
2. Recognize when information is needed; locate, evaluate, understand, and analyze a variety of texts; and apply that learning to academic, personal, and professional contexts.
3. Think critically, independently, and creatively so that they can make ethical, informed, and logical judgements of the arguments of others, arrive at reasoned and meaningful arguments and positions, and formulate and apply ideas to new contexts.
4. Demonstrate a practical and working knowledge of the American Criminal Justice System process as it relates to police, courts, and corrections.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
Any Gen.-Ed. Math ¹		3
Any Gen.-Ed. Fine Arts		3
CJUS 1013	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
<i>Choose one:</i> ¹		
SPCH 2013	Techniques of Speech	
SPCH 2213	Interpersonal Communication	3
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Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
Any Gen-Ed. Introductory Statistics		3

Gen-Ed. Natural Science (1st in sequence) ²	3
CJUS 2313 Police Systems and Practices	3
Any Gen-Ed. Psychology or Sociology ¹	3
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Third Semester	Credit Hours
Gen-Ed. Natural Science (2nd in sequence) ²	3
Gen.-Ed. History ¹	3
Gen.-Ed. Humanities Literature	3
CJUS 2013 Corrections Systems and Practices	3
POLI 2013 American Government	3
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Fourth Semester	Credit Hours
Gen-Ed. Natural Science (opposite from seq.) ²	3
Approved Electives (<i>see below</i>)	12
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Total Program Hours **60**

Approved electives

Choose 12 hours from the following categories, in any combination, following the listed maximums:

- 0-9 hours from any Humanities (foreign language recommended).
- 0-3 hours from any Gen.-Ed. History course.
- 0-3 hours from any Gen.-Ed. Psychology or Sociology course.
- 0-6 hours from any Social Sciences (Check with your intended transfer institution to see which CJUS courses will transfer from BRCC as Social Science electives).

¹ Students are strongly encouraged to consult with an advisor at their expected transfer institution to obtain program requirements and specific course recommendations in order to prepare for a particular Criminal Justice major.

- Check with your intended transfer institution to see if College Algebra is recommended or required.
- Check with your intended transfer institution to see if an additional Gen-Ed. History is recommended or required.
- Check with your intended transfer institution to see if an additional Psychology or Sociology course is recommended or required.

² Both biological and physical sciences must be taken to meet the requirements for this degree program. If the two-course sequence is taken in the biological sciences, the remaining lecture credit hours must be from the physical sciences, and vice versa.

For more information, contact the Division of Liberal Arts at (225) 216-8165.