

Criminal Justice (Associate of Science)

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice (AS) prepares students with the education and skills needed to pursue a career in the criminal justice system in municipal, parish, and state law enforcement/corrections agencies; court systems; and other public and private agencies. The program also provides a course of study and degree for students who intend to transfer to a criminal justice program at a four-year college or university, in addition to enhancing the capabilities of incumbent workers currently employed in the field. The program focuses on the interrelationship between crime, the criminal justice system, and society as a whole.

To receive this degree, the student must:

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or better in all credit hours used toward the degree.
- Earn a “C” or better in all major courses and in English 1013 and 1023.
- Complete the coursework listed below.

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

1. Demonstrate a practical and working knowledge of the American Criminal Justice System process as it relates to Police, Courts, and Corrections.
2. Determine the differences between the major criminological theories of the causes of crime and the evolution of punishment.
3. Explain how perceptions of the criminal justice system vary cross-culturally, and how such differences influence policy and public perception.
4. **Demonstrate a practical and working knowledge of the core values of the criminal justice field and the professional code of ethics.**

PROGRAM OF STUDY

First Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
CJUS 1013	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
HIST 2023	American History 1865 to Present	3
CJUS 2253	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
Any Gen-Ed. Fine Arts		3
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Second Semester		Credit Hours
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
CJUS 2313	Police Systems and Practices	3
CJUS 2613	Court Systems and Practices	3
Any Gen-Ed. Math		3
Any Gen-Ed. Natural Science		3
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Third Semester		Credit Hours
CJUS 2013	Corrections Systems and Practices	3
CJUS 2213	Criminal Law	3
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3

Criminal Justice elective (<i>see below</i>)	3
Any General Education course in Math/Analytical Reasoning ¹	3
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Fourth Semester	Credit Hours
CJUS 2303 Criminal Justice Internship	3
SOCL 2413 Race Relations	3
Any Gen-Ed. Natural Science	3
Criminal Justice elective (<i>see below</i>)	3
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Total Program Hours **60**

Criminal Justice electives:

- POLI 2113, Constitutional Law
- CJUS 2103, Careers in Criminal Justice (Fall/Spring)
- CJUS 2413, Juvenile Delinquency (Spring)
- CJUS 2513, Criminology (Fall)
- CJUS 2243, Crime Scene Investigation (Summer)

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 major.

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