

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

An Associate of Applied Science degree is awarded upon successful completion of the 90 credit hours. Criminal Justice related majors are offered at SOU (Criminology and Criminal Justice) PSU (Administration of Justice) and WOU (Corrections and Law Enforcement). Note: Students expecting to continue on to attain a B.A. or B.S. should consider the AA/OT or AS-Criminal Justice Program- see the transfer section for more details.

The Public Safety Department offers several programs related to a career in criminal justice.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice will:

1. Communicate effectively in the criminal justice culture: verbally, non-verbally, and in writing
2. Balance the unique responsibilities of criminal justice work with competing family and other personal needs
3. Work effectively on both independent assignments and team efforts within the criminal justice system
4. Exhibit a commanding presence that is appropriate to specific criminal justice situations
5. Locate and interpret current case law and statutes pertaining to specific criminal justice roles; take action that is supported by current law and statutes
6. Recognize symptoms of mental health and substance abuse issues; take appropriate action
7. Work effectively with persons of different cultural heritage, gender, and age
8. Acquire an understanding of cultural norms and their impact on criminal justice interactions
9. Discuss the relationship between the criminal justice system, cultural and other diversity, and police/community dynamics
10. Demonstrate cognitive knowledge focusing on positive criminal justice professional/citizen contacts, with the principle emphasis on the importance of a continuing dialogue between the criminal justice system and all segments of the community

CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

The Criminal Justice program prepares students for entry level jobs and future careers in the following areas: law enforcement, corrections, and parole and probation.v

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Year One

CJ 110	Intro to Law Enforcement	3
CJ 261	Intro to Parole & Probation	3
WR 121*	Academic Composition	4
Approved Elective		2-4
CJ 120	Intro to Judicial Process	3
PSY 101** or SP 218**	Psychology of Human Relations Interpersonal Communication	3
SOC 204	Intro to Sociology	3
Two Approved Electives		6
CJ 101	Intro to Criminology	3
CJ 114	Cultural Diversity Issues in LE	3
CJ 130	Intro to Corrections	3
WR 227	Technical Writing	4
Approved Elective		3

Year Two

CJ 105	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ 203	Crisis Intervention	1
MTH 052	Industrial Applications of Math	4
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
PS 203	US Government	3
SP 111	fundamentals of Public Speaking	4
Approved Elective		3
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Social Sciences Elective		3
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Total Credits 90

Approved Electives

CIS 120	Intro to Computer Information Systems ¹	4
CJ 100A	Law Enforcement Skills Training ^{2,5}	2
CJ 100B	Law Enforcement Skills Training ⁵	2
CJ 100C	Law Enforcement Skills Training ⁵	2
CJ 105	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ 109	Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 112	Field Operations and Patrol Procedures ⁵	3

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CJ 140	Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CJ 169	Terrorism & Homeland Security	3
CJ 210	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 211	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 212	Report Writing for Criminal Justice ⁵	3
CJ 216	Law Enforcement Supervision and Management	3
CJ 226	Intro to Constitutional Law	3
CJ 230	Intro to Juvenile Justice Systems	3
CJ 232	Intro to Corrections Casework	3
CJ 240	Criminalistics II	3
CJ 243	Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	3
CJ 275	Comparative Criminal Justice Systems	3
CJ 280	Cooperative Work Experience: Criminal Justice/Corrections ²	1-4
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CJ 298	Criminal Justice Independent Study ²	1-3
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HS 227	Understanding Dysfunctional Families ^{1,3}	3
SOC 207	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC 225	Social Aspects of Addiction	3
SPAN 122***	Spanish for Safety & Emergency Personnel	4

* A grade of C or better must be attained in these courses

** Meets Human Relations class requirement

*** seldom offered

+ Any unlisted CJ classes may be applied as approved electives.

¹ Available in another term

² Three (3) credits of CJ 298 or four (4) credits of CJ 280 can be applied to AAS degree.

³ Prerequisite: CJ 230 or CJ 261 or Instructor Approval

⁴ Prerequisite: CJ 140 or instructor approval

⁵ PRA Police Reserve Academy only