

# Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice offers you a basic foundation in criminal justice theory and concepts, legal issues, terrorism, and law enforcement objectives and administration. This associate degree program is designed to help you develop new skills necessary in the law enforcement or criminal justice fields, or to enhance your knowledge gained on the job if you are already employed as a law enforcement officer, investigator, agent, criminologist, or in other law-enforcement related fields.

Our criminal justice programs are among the most popular at the university, bringing you peer interactions and an expanded network of criminal justice professionals who are dedicated to safeguarding their communities and nation. Courses in this program are taught by highly credentialed and experienced instructors, many who hold key positions in government agencies or criminal justice organizations.

## Degree Program Objectives

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Examine historical, philosophical, and constitutional perspectives/limitations of law enforcement.
- Describe the collection and preservation of evidence in basic crime scene investigations.
- Identify the origins of modern terrorism, its impact on society, and the impact of cross-cultural communication.
- Differentiate the criminological, sociological, legal, and political influences on the American criminal justice system.
- Restate theories of juvenile delinquency.

## Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	21
	Final Program Requirements	3
	Elective Requirements	6
	<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>60</b>

## Degree Program Requirements

### General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
<b>Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)<sup>1</sup></b>		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH240	Survey of Photography	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop®	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI212	Jazz and Rock	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	
PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS101	Introduction to the Study of Religion	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	

**Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours) <sup>1</sup>**

Select 2 courses from the following: 6

ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology
ANTH200	World Archaeology
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology
CHFD220	Human Sexuality
COMM211	Social Media and Society
ECON101	Microeconomics
ECON102	Macroeconomics
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness
IRLS210	International Relations I
LITR212	Forgotten America--Under Represented Cultures in American Literature
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
RELS250	Death and Dying
RELS260	Race & Religion
RELS270	Hope and Resilience
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction

**Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)**

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3
Select 1 course from the following:		3

COMM200	Public Speaking
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric
ENGL210	Introduction to Literature
ENGL220	Technical Writing
ENGL221	Scientific Writing
ENGL226	Effective Business Communication
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship
ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing
MGMT100	Human Relations

**History (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	

HIST102	American History since 1877
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War
HIST221	African-American History before 1877
HIST222	African-American History since 1877
HIST223	History of the American Indian
HIST270	History of Science
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM

**Mathematics and Applied Reasoning (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following: 3

ACCT105	Accounting for Non Accounting Majors
ENTD200	Fundamentals of Programming
MATH110	College Algebra
MATH111	College Trigonometry
MATH112	Pre-Calculus
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics
MATH125	Math for Liberal Arts Majors
MATH225	Calculus

**Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)**

Select 1 course from the following: 3

BIOL180	Introduction to Biology
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines

Total Semester Hours 30

<sup>1</sup> All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

**Major Required (21 semester hours)**

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CMRJ100	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CMRJ101	Evidence and Procedures	3
CMRJ201	Criminal Justice Administration	3
CMRJ206	Juvenile Delinquency	3
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	3

EDMG230	Emergency and Disaster Incident Command	3
LSTD204	Introduction to the Courts	3
Total Semester Hours		21

### Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
CMRJ295	Criminal Justice Sophomore Seminar <sup>1</sup>	3
Total Semester Hours		3

<sup>1</sup> To be taken as the last course before graduation.

### Elective Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select any courses comprised of lower (100-200) level courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Additional general education courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements.		6
Total Semester Hours		6