

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 for a career in law enforcement or criminal justice, 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
	Total Semester Hours	60

Degree Program Requirements

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
LITR201	World Literature through the Renaissance	
LITR202	World Literature since the Renaissance	
LITR210	English Literature: Beowulf to 18th Century	
LITR211	English Literature: 18th Century to Present	
LITR220	American Literature before The Civil War	
LITR221	American Literature from The Civil War to Present	
ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
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	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)¹		
Select 2 courses from the following:		6
ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
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
LITR204	Contemporary World Culture Through Literature
LITR205	Cultural Diversity in Contemporary American Literature
POLS210	American Government I
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology
SOCI212	Social Problems
SOCI220	American Popular Culture

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	
ENGL102	Effectiveness in Writing	
ENGL200	Composition and Literature	
ENGL220	Technical Writing	
ENGL221	Scientific Writing	
ENGL225	Business Writing	
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	

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	

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	

Total Semester Hours 30

¹ 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 ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ To be taken as the last course before graduation.

Elective Requirements (6 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Students must complete 6 semester hours comprised of lower (100-200) level courses not taken to fulfill the requirements listed above. Additional general education courses may be taken to fulfill elective requirements.	6
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	Total Semester Hours	6