

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Quarter Credit Hours Required = 96

The Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice is designed to provide a broad educational background in the field of justice sciences, along with an in-depth examination of topics related to careers in the field. Students interested in law enforcement, corrections, the criminal court system, or private and industrial security will find their areas of interest included. This degree program has a two-fold design. It will provide necessary training to veteran criminal justice professionals as they pursue advancement in their chosen field. It will also offer individuals who desire to enter the field of criminal justice with crucial information necessary to succeed on the job.

Presenting material on current technologies, trends, and policies, this program will allow students to enter into the world of justice sciences. Combined with studies in corrections, criminology, and security and rounded out by a solid general education component, the Criminal Justice associate's degree program is ideal for students with an interest in career-espousing contemporary law enforcement.

Upon successful completion of this program, students should be able to

- trace the historical development of current structure of local, state, and federal court systems;
- describe the philosophical and historical foundations of corrections in America;
- discuss the criminal justice process from law enforcement to administration of justice through corrections;
- identify the effects of substantive and procedural law on individuals within the criminal justice system;
- explain the nature and extent of crime in the United States and theories of causation;
- summarize the major techniques of crime scene investigation;
- analyze ethical issues in criminal justice and provide a legal and moral course of action applicable to various situations;
- trace the history of the juvenile justice system; and
- coordinate a successful job search.

FOUNDATION:

Quarter Credit Hours

AOM 1010	Keyboarding	4
AOM 1100	Word Processing	4
EDU 1010	Learning Framework	4
EDU 1020	Career Exploration/Planning	4
Total Minimum Required Foundation Credits		16

AREA OF CONCENTRATION:

CRJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CRJ 1050	Criminal Procedure	4
CRJ 1400	Introduction to Corrections	4
CRJ 1600	Criminal Justice Ethics	4
CRJ 2010	Criminology	4
CRJ 2030	Juvenile Justice	4
CRJ 2050	Police in America	4
CRJ 2480	Private Security	4
LGA 1800	Criminal Law	4
Total Minimum Required Area of Concentration Credits		36

AREA OF CONCENTRATION ELECTIVES:

A minimum of 20 credit hours are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director from approved criminal justice and legal studies courses completed at Virginia College or transferred from another accredited institution.

Total Minimum Area of Concentration Elective Credits	20
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GENERAL EDUCATION:

These courses are to be selected in consultation with the Program Director so as to effectuate a balanced educational program. Select a total (minimum) of 24 credit hours as indicated below:

Communications	12
Humanities and Fine Arts	4
Mathematics	4
Social and Behavioral Sciences	4
Total Minimum Required General Education Credits	24

TOTAL MINIMUM QUARTER CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED	96
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