

Criminal Justice Certificate

One-Year Certificate of Completion

This certificate is designed to develop students' knowledge and skills in the areas of law enforcement, courts, and corrections. Students gain an appreciation of the various parts of the criminal justice system and how they function as a whole. The coursework includes cooperative work experience, which affords the student an opportunity for hands-on experience with local, federal, and state law enforcement agencies. This program may serve as a fast track leading to entry-level employment in the field of criminal justice and administration or as a ladder to a two-year AAS degree program in this rapidly growing field.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the certificate, students will be able to:

- Explain the criminal justice system in terms of how various elements interact to accomplish the mission of the criminal justice system.
- Interpret case law and statutes pertaining to specific criminal justice roles.
- Describe the constitutional rights of citizens, offenders, and victims as they apply to state, federal, and procedural laws.
- Identify legal and moral responsibilities of criminal justice professionals as they relate to cultural diversity and establishing positive community relationships.
- Describe the dynamics of interviews and interrogations to as they relate to conducting effective investigations.
- Recognize behaviors that indicate substance abuse and/or mental health issues during encounters with individuals.

Program Requirements

Number of credit hours necessary for completion: **45**

Required Courses

Student Success

- [CGS 100 - College Survival & Success](#) **3.00 credits**

Communications

Writing

- [WRI 121 - English Composition I](#) **4.00 credits** or
- [WRI 121M - English Composition I](#) **5.00 credits**

Computation

Students must select one course in this general education requirement.

- [MTH 105 - Math in Society](#) **4.00 credits** or
- [MTH 105M - Math in Society](#) **5.00 credits** or
- [MTH 111 - College Algebra](#) **5.00 credits**

Social Sciences

Students must select one course in this general education requirement.

Recommended Courses

- [ECO 201 - Principles of Economics: Microeconomics](#) **3.00 credits**
- [ECO 202 - Principles of Economics: Macroeconomics](#) **3.00 credits**
- [PSY 101 - Psychology & Human Relations](#) **3.00 credits**
- [PSY 201A - General Psychology I](#) **3.00 credits** or
- [PSY 201M - General Psychology I](#) **5.00 credits**
- [PSY 202A - General Psychology II](#) **3.00 credits** or
- [PSY 202M - General Psychology II](#) **5.00 credits**
- [PSY 203A - General Psychology III](#) **3.00 credits**
- [SOC 204 - Gen Sociology: Soc in Everyday Life](#) **3.00 credits**
- [SOC 205 - Institutions and Social Change](#) **3.00 credits**

Science / Math / Computer Science

Students must select one course in this general education requirement.

Recommended Courses

- [BIO 101 - Biology I](#) **3.00 credits**
- [BIO 101L - Bio I Lab](#) **1.00 credits**
- [BIO 102 - Biology II](#) **3.00 credits**
- [BIO 102L - Bio II Lab](#) **1.00 credit**
- [BIO 103 - Biology III](#) **3.00 credits**
- [BIO 103L - Bio III Lab](#) **1.00 credits**
- [ENV 170 - Environmental Science](#) **3.00 credits**
- [ENV 170L - Environmental Science Lab](#) **1.00 credits**

Technical Core

- [CJA 101 - Intro to Criminal Justice & Human Services Careers](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 111 - Intro to Criminal Justice System - Police](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 112 - Intro to Criminal Justice Systems - Courts](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 113 - Intro to Criminal Justice Systems - Corrections](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 212 - Criminal Law](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 280 - Coop Wk Exp: Criminal Justice](#) **3.00 credits**
- [PSY 233 - Psychology of Violence and Aggression](#) **4.00 credits**

Elective

Students must complete one course in the electives as required. The following courses are recommended, but any 100- or 200-level courses may be chosen as an elective.

- [ADS 102 - Drug Use & Addiction](#) **3.00 credits**

- [ADS 150 - Basic Counseling & Addiction](#) **3.00 credits**
- [ADS 152 - Group Counseling & Addiction](#) **3.00 credits**
- [ADS 156 - Ethical & Professional Issues](#) **3.00 credits**
- [ADS 157 - Risk Assessment & Intervention](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 118 - Introduction to Peer Support Specialist](#) **4.00 credits**
- [CJA 120 - American Criminal Justice System](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 210 - Arrest, Search & Seizure](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 211 - Civil Liability & Ethics in Criminal Justice](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 213 - Evidence](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 214 - Criminal Investigation](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 217 - Interviewing & Interrogation](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 228 - Public Safety Writing](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 233 - Criminology](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 243 - Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs](#) **3.00 credits**
- [CJA 244 - Introduction to Behavioral Health Crisis Services](#) **3.00 credits**

Health and Wellness

Student must select one course in this requirement.

- [HEA 125 - First Aid & Industrial Safety](#) **3.00 credits**
 - [HEA 252 - First Aid Basics & Beyond](#) **3.00 credits**
 - [HPE 207 - Stress Management](#) **3.00 credits**
 - [HPE 225 - Nutrition](#) **3.00 credits**
 - [HPE 295 - Health & Fitness for Life](#) **3.00 credits**
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Fall Term 2021

On Campus Courses

CGS100.03	College Survival & Success	M, W, F	1:00 – 1:50
CAS133.02	Intro to Computing Skills	M, W	2:00 – 3:20
CAS133L.02	Intro to Computing Skills Lab	T, R	2:00 – 3:20
CJA101.01	Intro to Criminal Justice & Human Services Careers	T, R	2:30 – 3:50
HPE295.01	Health & Fitness for Life	T, R	1:00 – 2:20
PSY201A.01	General Psychology I (Prerequisite: WRI121)	M, W, F	1:00 – 1:50

Online Courses

CGS100.01DE	College Survival & Success
CAS133.02DE	Intro to Computing Skills
CAS133L.02DE	Intro to Computing Skills Lab
ECO201.01DE	Principles of Economics: Microeconomics (Recommended: Successful completion of MTH070 or above <u>and</u> WRI121 placement)
PSY201A.01DE	General Psychology I (Prerequisite: WRI121)
HPE295.01DE	Health & Fitness for Life
BIO103.01DE	Biology III
BIO103L.01DE	Biology III Lab
ENV170.01DE	Environmental Science
ENV170.01DE	Environmental Science Lab (Recommended: Placement into WRI095)



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Winter Term 2022

On Campus Courses

CJA111.01	Intro to Criminal Justice Police	M, W, F	11:00 – 11:50
CJA112.01	Intro to Criminal Justice Courts	T, R	2:30 – 3:50

Online Courses

MTH105M.01DE	Math in Society (Prerequisites: MTH065 or MTH070 or MTH095 or MTH098 or placement into MTH105 and WRI095 or WRI121 or placement into WRI121)		
MTH111.01DE	College Algebra (Prerequisite: MTH095 with a grade of “C” or better or placement into MTH 111)		
WRI121.01DE	English Composition I		
WRI121M.01DE	English Composition I		



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On Campus Courses

PSY233.01	Psychology of Violence & Aggression (Prerequisite: WRI121 or placement into WRI121)	T, R	2:30 – 4:20
WRI121.02	English Composition I	M, T, W, R	1:00 – 1:50

Online Courses

BIO101.01DE	Biology I (Recommended: Completion of CAS133) (Prerequisites: MTH070 or MTH096 or MTH111 or Placement into MTH095 or MTH111 and WRI095 or WRI121 or placement into WRI121)		
BIO101L.01DE	Biology I Lab		
CJA113.01DE	Intro to Criminal Justice - Corrections		
HPE207.01DE	Stress Management		
WRI121.02DE	English Composition I		