

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, Associate in Arts Degree - 6050

Social Science Department

The Criminal Justice AA degree is designed for students intending to pursue careers in law enforcement, correctional rehabilitation, juvenile and adult probation and parole, private security and investigations, forensic science, military police, and criminology. This program may require the student to submit to Act 33 Child Abuse and/or Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Checks prior to enrollment in an internship course. Since the requirements of senior institutions vary widely, it is essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that college's catalog. The complete program (both tracks) is available at the Harrisburg Campus. The General Transfer Track can be completed at the Gettysburg, Lancaster, and York campuses. Students may be able to complete the General Transfer track at the Lebanon Campus by taking some courses through Virtual Learning.

Career or Transfer Opportunities

Career opportunities are dependent upon the curriculum option chosen. Many graduates are engaged in careers as criminal investigators, patrol officers, drug agents, prosecuting attorneys, private criminal and civil attorneys, probation and parole officers, correctional counselors, security managers, private investigators, undercover investigators, crime-scene technicians, forensic scientists, crime-lab experts, and other positions in municipal, state, federal, and private agencies.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Demonstrate an awareness of professional ethics including ethical and legal entrance requirements to the criminal justice
- Translate observations into writing
- Use technology as a form, or method, to conduct research
- Describe components of the criminal justice system including corrections, courts, law enforcement, and the private sector
- Examine diversity issues as they impact criminal justice
- Demonstrate an awareness of the dynamics of organizational behavior
- Manage and build teams
- Analyze problems and develop solutions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Requirements
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	CJ 108 Criminology	3	
ENGL 104 Technical Writing (or)	(3)	CJ 211 Juvenile Justice	3	
ENGL 106 Business Writing	(3)	CJ 212 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	Law Enforcement or General Transfer Options	23	
Humanities & Arts Elective*	3		35	
Humanities & Arts Elective (or) Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3			
Mathematics Elective	3			
Science with a Laboratory Elective	3			
Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3			
First-Year Seminar Elective	1			
Wellness	<u>1</u>			
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*Students are to select from the following courses: ART 181 or 182; ENGL 206; HUM 101, 115 or 201; MUS 104; PHIL 200; THTR 101; or a foreign language.

Students select 23 credits from the follow options:

Law Enforcement Option		General Transfer Option	
CJ 104 Police Operations	3	CJ 104 Police Operations	3
CJ 201 Criminal Investigation	3	CJ 106 Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 203 Criminal Evidence	3	Program Elective**	3
CJ 206 Criminalistics	4	Transfer Electives	<u>14</u>
CJ 208 Intermediate Criminalistics	4		23
CJ 215 CJ Organization & Administration	3		
CJ 243 International & Domestic Terrorism	<u>3</u>		
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**Students may select any CJ course.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Law Enforcement Option

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CJ 101	3	CJ 104	3	COMM 101	3	CJ 203	3
CJ 108	3	CJ 201	3	CJ 206	4	CJ 208	4
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3	CJ 212	3	CJ 211	3
FYS Elective	1	Humanities/Arts Elective	3	Humanities & Arts or Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	CJ 215	3
Mathematics Elective	3	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	Science w/ a Lab Elective	3	CJ 243	3
Wellness	1						

General Transfer Option

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CJ 101	3	CJ 104	3	COMM 101	3	CJ 106	3
CJ 108	3	ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3	CJ 212	3	CJ 211	3
ENGL 101	3	Humanities/Arts Elective	3	Humanities/Arts Elective or Social/Science Behavioral Elective	3	Transfer Electives	11
FYS Elective	1	Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3	Science w/ a Lab Elective	3		
Mathematics Elective	3	Transfer Elective	3	Program Elective**	3		
Wellness	1						