

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (PASSHE), Associate in Arts Degree - 6051

## Social Science Department

The Criminal Justice (PASSHE) AA transfer degree is designed to meet the curricular needs of students wishing to transfer to one of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) schools. This transfer degree is also structured 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. The complete program is available at the Gettysburg, Harrisburg, Lancaster, and York campuses. Students may also complete this program at the Lebanon Campus by taking some courses through Virtual Learning.

### Career or Transfer Opportunities

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
- Describe the major theoretical explanations of crime and delinquency
- 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 = 60)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Required Courses
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	CJ 104 Police Operations	3	
ENGL 104 Technical Writing (or)	(3)	CJ 106 Introduction to Corrections	3	
ENGL 106 Business Writing	(3)	CJ 108 Criminology	3	
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	CJ 211 Juvenile Justice	3	
Humanities & Arts Elective	3	CJ 212 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	
Humanities & Arts Elective (or) Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3	CJ 240 Ethics and Diverse Cultures	3	
Mathematics Elective	3	*Transfer Electives		<u>13</u>
Science with a Laboratory Elective	3			34
Social & Behavioral Science Elective	3			
First-Year Seminar Elective	1			
Wellness	<u>1</u>			
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\*Students are to select courses appropriate for the intended transfer institution.

### RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Fall Semester I	Spring Semester I	Fall Semester II	Spring Semester II
CJ 101	3 CJ 104	3 CJ 211	3 CJ 240
CJ 108	3 CJ 106	3 CJ 212	3 Humanities/Arts Elective or Social/Behavioral Science Elective
ENGL 101	3 ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3 COMM 101	3 Transfer Electives
FYS Elective	3 Humanities/Arts Elective	3 Science w/ a Lab Elective	
Mathematics Elective	3 Social/Behavioral Science Elective	3 Transfer Electives	4
Wellness	1		