



Division of Business and Professional Studies

Associate in Science in Criminal Justice

This program combines essential professional preparation with a broad background in liberal arts including. The Associate in Criminal Justice is designed to offer students an educational opportunity useful as preparation for a career in law enforcement, the courtroom workgroup, corrections and related fields, as well as for further study at the baccalaureate level. The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education has approved the Criminal Justice program as a Police Career Incentive Program. Students graduating from the Associate in Science in Criminal Justice will achieve proficiency in the college-wide learning outcomes.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- Explain criminal justice practices and their applicable laws;
- Summarize the meaning and application of legal concepts such as due process, probable cause, and cruel and unusual punishment;
- Differentiate between primary theories concerning the criminal mind;
- Employ best practice knowledge and skills needed to work professionally with all populations within the criminal justice system;
- Assess and compare the many career and additional educational opportunities available to the Criminal Justice graduate;
- Use a variety of mathematical tools and quantitative reasoning to solve problems and analyze challenges;
- Understand and use appropriately a variety of technological tools;
- Use scientific knowledge and methodology to test, validate, and update their knowledge about the natural world.