

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Various aspects of law enforcement and criminal justice are covered, including policing, the judicial system, criminal investigations, industrial/corporate security and juvenile delinquency. The course sequence offers a balanced and broad education to students who plan to enter law enforcement as a career. It helps in-service police officers upgrade themselves for advancement within the ranks. Many students join a municipal force but career opportunities also are available in county, state and federal governments.

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Related Degrees and Certificates

- Criminal Justice (Basic Police Academy), Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Corrections), Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Security Administration), Associate of Applied Science
- Criminal Justice (Basic Police Academy), Certificate of Proficiency

Related Training and Credentials

- Basic Police Academy
- Private Security Academy

Program Admissions Requirements

- High school diploma or GED highly recommended.

Program Learning Outcomes

This program is designed to prepare students to demonstrate the following learning outcomes:

- Recognize and practice ethical behavior associated with the criminal justice and public safety professions.
- Apply local, state, and federal legal standards, including statutory and case law, to adults and juveniles in civil and criminal matters, in both public and private sectors.
- Purposefully adapt oral, written and non-verbal styles and techniques to communicate effectively in diverse professional roles and environments.

- Maintain personal health and well-being in carrying out professional responsibilities.
- Apply law enforcement culture and theory to develop and refine skill sets essential to specific law enforcement positions.

Suggested Semester Sequence

| First Semester | | Credit Hours |
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| CJ-1000 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ-1120 | Criminal Court Procedures | 2 |
| CJ-1130 | Criminal Evidence | 2 |
| CJ-1320 | Ethics in Criminal Justice | 2 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ENG-1010 | College Composition I | |
| ENG-101H | Honors College Composition I | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| IT-1090 | Computer Applications | |
| IT-109H | Honors Computer Applications | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Second Semester | | Credit Hours |
| CJ-1111 | Constitutional Law for Police | 3 |
| CJ-1330 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| CJ-xxxx | Criminal Justice Elective | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| PHIL-1020 | Introduction to Logic | |
| MATH-1190 | Algebraic and Quantitative Reasoning ¹ | |
| MATH-1410 | Elementary Probability and Statistics I (or any Approved Ohio Transfer 36 Mathematics course) | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| ENG-1020 | College Composition II | |
| ENG-102H | Honors College Composition II | |
| COMM-1010 | Fundamentals of Speech Communication | |
| COMM-101H | Honors Speech Communication | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Third Semester | | Credit Hours |
| CJ-2300 | Juvenile Delinquency | 2 |
| CJ-2390 | The Investigative Process | 4 |
| CJ-xxxx | Criminal Justice Elective | 3 |
| Arts and Humanities | | 3 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| POL-1010 | American National Government | |
| POL-101H | Honors American National Government | |
| PSY-1010 | General Psychology | |
| PSY-101H | Honors General Psychology | |
| SOC-1010 | Introductory Sociology | |
| SOC-101H | Honors Introductory Sociology | |
| UST-1010 | Introduction to Urban Studies | |
| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Fourth Semester | | Credit Hours |
| CJ-1010 | Computers in Criminal Justice | 2 |
| CJ-2360 | Community Oriented Policing | 3 |
| CJ-2990 | Issues in Supervision | 4 |

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| CJ-xxxx | Criminal Justice Elective | 3 |
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| Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Total Credit Hours | | 60 |

¹ MATH-1100 Mathematical Explorations or MATH-1240 Contemporary Mathematics taken prior to Fall 2024 will be accepted to meet mathematics requirement for this program.

MATH-1140, MATH-1141, MATH-1200, MATH-1270, and MATH-1280 can no longer count towards fulfilling the college-level mathematics requirement. These courses were re-classified as developmental mathematics by the state of Ohio in 2016. Tri-C established a 5-year transitioning window for students who had completed these courses prior to 2016 to apply them towards meeting graduation requirements, which expired in Summer 2021. It is highly recommended to see a counselor to determine the appropriate math required for your current major.