

CRIMINAL JUSTICE EDUCATION

Program Code: S.CJE.AA

Associate in Arts (A.A.)

Graduation requirement — 60 semester hours

The following sequence of courses is designed to provide transfer students with the necessary background to complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Graduates may enter careers in municipal, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies or in the private security field. Students interested in completing baccalaureate degrees in criminal justice and related majors are strongly encouraged to complete an A.A. degree prior to transfer. To transfer into an approved baccalaureate degree program in criminal justice as juniors, students need to complete a minimum of 60 semester credits from the framework below. Since admission is competitive, completion of the recommended courses does not guarantee admission.

Students should plan their transfer programs with a Parkland academic success advisor and the catalog of the four-year college or university they plan to attend.

Program Notes*

- Recommended courses are designed to facilitate completion of the A.A. degree and transfer into a four-year college or university with junior standing in a chosen academic path. Students are advised to follow the recommendations.
- SCI 108 and SCI 208 are recommended for this degree. They may be taken in any order, but both courses must be taken to fulfill the Physical and Life Science general education requirement. One IAI physical science course and one IAI life science course may be substituted for the SCI 108–SCI 208 sequence.
- All A.A. students must take a course that satisfies the non-Western cultures requirement.
- CJS 101 is a prerequisite for all CJS courses except CJS 104 and CJS 127. Suggested coursework is based on transfer patterns.

Required General Education Core Courses (38 hours)

Cr. Hrs.

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| Communications (9) | |
| COM 103 Introduction to Public Speaking | 3 |
| ENG 101 Composition I | 3 |
| ENG 102 Composition II | 3 |
| Humanities/Fine Arts electives | 9 |
| • Choose at least one course from Humanities and one from Fine Arts | |
| Social/Behavioral Sciences electives | 9 |
| • Soc/Beh Sci courses must be from at least two disciplines | |
| • One course from Hum/Fine Arts or Soc/Beh Sci must fulfill the non-Western culture requirement | |
| Mathematics elective | 3 |
| Recommended: MAT 107 General Education Mathematics (3) or MAT 108 Introduction to Applied Statistics (3) | |
| Life Sciences (laboratory-based) elective | 4 |
| Physical Sciences (laboratory-based) elective | 4 |
| Recommended: SCI 108* Essentials of Forensic Science (4) and SCI 208* Forensic Science II: Death Analysis (4) | |

Recommended Courses* (16–17 hours)

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| CJS 101* | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJS 102 | Police Administration and Operations | 4 |
| CJS 203 | Criminal Law and Procedures I | 3 |
| Take one of the following: | | |
| CJS 104* | Introduction to Corrections | 3 |
| CJS 209 | Criminal Investigation | 4 |
| Take one of the following: | | |
| SOC 202 | Sociology of Deviant Behavior | |
| SOC 204 | Criminology | |
| CJS 127* | Juvenile Delinquency | 3 |

A.A. Degree Requirement (3 hours)

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| LAS 188 | Diverse U.S. Cultural Expression | |
| or LAS 189 | Introduction to Liberal Arts and Sciences | 3 |

Electives (2–3 hours)

Select option to bring total number of credits to a minimum of 60.

Total Semester Credit Hours

60