

Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this degree, students will have experienced a broad introduction to the field of criminal justice. In coordination with the general education components, students will be able to communicate effectively in a variety of situations in the field, demonstrate knowledge and application of analytical skills to criminal justice situations, and apply criminological theories to contemporary public policy.

Employment Opportunities or Additional Educational Options

This degree is for students who specifically want a two-year degree or plan on transferring to Ferris State University to complete a four-year degree in criminal justice. If you wish to transfer to another four-year program, please contact your advisor to determine specific course requirements at the receiving institution prior to selecting options/electives. Employment opportunities may include law enforcement, courts, and adult or juvenile corrections. Graduates may also find employment in insurance adjustment, dispatch, court hearings, public or private security, and license inspection with the Department of Motor Vehicles or as technicians in a number of other local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies. This degree can be used to enable persons who are already employed to move up to a mid-level position with their current employer. Students should meet with their advisor frequently to meet their specific needs.

To Learn More About This Program

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Degree Requirements

To earn this degree, students must have an overall GPA of 2.0 or higher, complete a minimum of 60 credit hours, and fulfill the course requirements of the program listed below. Students are permitted to complete a higher-level math course than shown below. Each general education course, prerequisite course, internship, and capstone course must be completed with a final grade of "C" or better.

General Education Courses

COMMUNICATIONS

Course ID	Course	Credits
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W	Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits
ENGL 104	Freshman English 3	3 credits
SPEE 102	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 credits

MATHEMATICS

Course ID	Course	Credits
MATH 128 or MATH 150	Contemporary Mathematics or Statistics	4 credits

NATURAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
BIOL 110	Human Biology	4 credits
ENST 112	Environmental Science	4 credits

SOCIAL SCIENCE

Course ID	Course	Credits
POSC 201	American Government	3 credits
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 credits
SOCI 201	Principles of Sociology	3 credits

HUMANITIES

Course ID	Course	Credits
HUMA 210	Introduction to Non-Western Civilization	4 credits
SOCI 240	Minority Groups in America	3 credits

Major-specific Required Courses

Course ID	Course	Credits
EDUC 120	Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit
BUSI 200 or BUSI 207	Small Business Management or Business Law 1	3 credits
CRIM 110	Intro to Criminal Justice	3 credits
CRIM 111	Intro to Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 113 or CRIM 102	Intro to Law Enforcement or Serial Killer	3 credits

Complete either the Criminal Justice Generalist Track or the Corrections, Probation, and Parole Track listed below.

GENERALIST TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
CRIM 112	Intro to United States Legal Systems	3 credits
CRIM 220	Supervision and Management in Criminal Justice	3 credits
CRIM 260	Delinquency, Prevention, and Control	3 credits
ISYS 110	Intro to Computer Technology	3 credits

CORRECTIONS, PROBATION, AND PAROLE TRACK

Course ID	Course	Credits
CRIM 219	Conflict Management in Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 235	Legal Issues in Corrections	3 credits
CRIM 270	Correctional Institutions	3 credits
CRIM 275	Correctional Clients	3 credits

Total Program Credits: 62

Additional Notes About the A.A.S. in Criminal Justice Program

- A prerequisite course may be needed prior to enrollment in some courses within this program. Specific prerequisite requirements are listed in the Course Description section in the Course Catalog. A summary of the prerequisites are listed below in the Example Course Sequence.
- This program as outlined meets MTA requirements.
- This program offers two tracks, the Generalist track and the Corrections, Probation, and Parole track. Students must choose one of these tracks and complete all courses within the track as a part of degree requirements.
- Courses taken out of sequence may delay a student's ability to complete the program in a timely manner. Please consult your advisor regularly.
- Each student should submit a graduation application at least one full semester before he/she plans to graduate.
- This program is subject to change. Students should consult with their advisor for program updates.

Example Course Sequence

The following is a sample of a semester-by-semester approach to completing this program.

FIRST SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
EDUC 120 Educational Exploration and Planning	1 credit	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W Freshman English 2 (or with workshop)	3 to 4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
MATH 150 Statistics	4 credits	MATH 101, MATH 102, or test score
BUSI 200 Small Business Management or BUSI 207 Business Law 1	3 credits	BUSI 200: ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed) BUSI 207: None. BUSI 200 recommended
CRIM 110 Intro to Criminal Justice	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

SECOND SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
ENGL 104 Freshman English 3	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
CRIM 111 Intro to Corrections	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
BIOL 110 Human Biology	4 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
POSC 201 American Government	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SOCI 201 Principles of Sociology	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

THIRD SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
SOCI 240 Minority Groups in America	3 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
ENST 112 Environmental Science	4 credits	None
PSYC 101 General Psychology	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
CRIM 112 Intro to US Legal Systems or CRIM 219 Conflict Management in Corrections	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
CRIM 220 Supervision/Management in Criminal Justice or CRIM 270 Correctional Institutions	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

FOURTH SEMESTER

Courses	Credits	Prerequisites (Minimum Grade of "C" Required)
CRIM 113 Intro to Law Enforcement or CRIM 102 Serial Killer	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
SPEE 102 Fund of Public Speaking	3 credits	None
HUMA 210 Intro to Non-Western Civilization	4 credits	ENGL 103 or ENGL 103W
CRIM 260 Delinquency, Prevention and Control or CRIM 275 Correctional Clients	3 credits	ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)
ISYS 110 Intro to Computer Technology or CRIM 235 Legal Issues in Corrections	3 credits	ISYS 110: None CRIM 235: ENGL 115 or test score (concurrent enrollment allowed)

