

Criminal Justice

A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2017-2018

Students interested in criminal justice as a career will elect this two-year collegiate program. It is designed for those students planning to transfer to a four-year program in criminal justice. The program suggested below is intended to develop professional criminal justice skills and knowledge along with a basic academic background. Students pursuing this program on a part-time basis should consult an academic advisor for an appropriate sequence.

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Transfer Information

Students pursuing the Criminal Justice degree can transfer into majors such as Criminal Justice or Law and Justice Studies. Many colleges offer opportunities for transfer both in and out of state. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information

The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution, where students will pursue a Bachelor’s Degree. Some students pursue the Associate Degree for personal enrichment, and/or for employment purposes, helping to improve qualifications for jobs requiring a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers ocean.emsicareercoach.com

Fundamental Coursework

CRIM 151, 152, 150

MATH 156

SCIE 105

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Curriculum

First Semester

ENGL 151	English I	3 cr.
CRIM 152	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3 cr.
CRIM 150	The Criminal Justice System	3 cr.
POLI 161 <u>or</u> 162	American Federal Government <u>or</u> American State and Local Government	3 cr.
_____	Math Gen Ed Requirement	<u>3 cr.</u>
	(MATH 156 preferred)	15 cr.

Second Semester

ENGL 152	English II	3 cr.
CRIM 151	Police Organization and Administration	3 cr.
CRIM 155	Introduction to Corrections	3 cr.
SOC 181	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr.
CRIM 255	Criminal Law and Procedure	3 cr.
_____	Elective	<u>3 cr.</u>
		18 cr.

Third Semester

SOC 231 <u>or</u> 238	Social Problems <u>or</u> Race and Ethnicity	3 cr.
SCIE 105	Forensic Science	4 cr.
CRIM 254	Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence	3 cr.
CRIM 236	Criminology	3 cr.
_____	Technology Gen Ed Requirement*	<u>3 cr.</u>
		16 cr.

Fourth Semester

COMM 154	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3 cr.
PSYC 172	General Psychology	3 cr.
CRIM 280 <u>or</u>	Criminal Investigation <u>or</u>	3-4 cr.
CRIM 281	Criminal Investigation Theory	
POLI 185	Public Administration	3 cr.
_____	Humanities Gen Ed Requirement	<u>3 cr.</u>
		15-16 cr.

TOTAL CREDITS 64-65

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

* Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.