

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:

1. Recognize and practice ethical behavior associated with the criminal justice and public safety professions.
2. 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.
3. Purposefully adapt oral, written and non-verbal styles and techniques to communicate effectively in diverse professional roles and environments.

4. Maintain personal health and well-being in carrying out professional responsibilities.
5. 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
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

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.