

Criminal Justice

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

REQUIRED CREDITS: 61

DEGREE CODE: CRJ-AA

DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice provides a broad overview of the criminal justice system, its subsystems, and the roles of the participants therein. It provides a comprehensive overview of criminal law and procedure, law enforcement ethics, and criminology. Students will choose additional elective credits in corrections, juvenile justice, forensics and other interdisciplinary topics. This degree may be used for transfer to a four-year academic institution or may serve as a qualification for public safety or social service positions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Explain the history and nature of the major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.
- Outline the basis of decision-making in the criminal justice process and important constitutional issues.
- Differentiate criminal law from other forms of law.
- Analyze the overall problem of crime in the United States, including different types of crimes, and identify current issues related to criminal prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills applicable in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, or criminal law.

PLEASE NOTE - The courses listed below may require a prerequisite or corequisite. Read course descriptions before registering for classes. All MATH and ENG courses numbered 01-99 must be completed before reaching 30 total college-level credits. No course under 100-level counts toward degree completion.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 CREDITS)**MATHEMATICS (3 credits)**

Recommended: MATH 120 Fundamentals of College Mathematics

ENGLISH COMPOSITION (6-8 credits)

See AA/AB/AS policy p. 45 for courses

LITERATURE (3 credits)

Required: ENG 223 Themes of Literature

ANALYTICAL REASONING (3 credits)

Required: PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking

NATURAL SCIENCE (6-7 credits)

Recommended: BIOL 101 and ENV course

HUMANITIES (6 credits)

Required: COM 101 Oral Communications; Recommended: any HIST course

FINE ARTS (3 credits)

Recommended: any MUS course

U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS (4-6 credits)

Recommended: PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics

VALUES AND DIVERSITY

All students MUST fulfill this requirement. Course chosen may also be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or special program requirements. CRJ 120 fulfills this requirement.

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 CREDITS)**CORE REQUIREMENTS (21 credits)**

| | | |
|---------|--------------------------------------------|---|
| CRJ 104 | Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 107 | Introduction to Ethics in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 120 | Community Relations | 3 |
| CRJ 130 | Survey of Criminal Law | 3 |
| CRJ 225 | Criminal Evidence | 3 |
| CRJ 270 | Introduction to Criminology | 3 |
| CRJ 288 | Second Year Capstone in Criminal Justice | 3 |

ELECTIVES (choose 6 credits)

Any CRJ course without B designation; any EMA course.
See a counselor to select courses

See Degree Plan on next page.

- NOTE**
- Course numbers with the "B" suffix may be non-transferable for a NSHE baccalaureate degree.
 - Course numbers with the "H" suffix are designated Honors-level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements. For more information visit www.csn.edu/honors.
 - In no case, may one course be used to meet more than one requirement except for the Values and Diversity general education requirement (only AA, AS, and AB degrees) which may be used to fulfill the corresponding general education or emphasis requirement.
 - Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



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FULL-TIME STUDENT DEGREE PLAN

Plan can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding more semesters.

| FIRST SEMESTER | Credits |
|---------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| MATH 120 Fundamentals of College Mathematics | 3 |
| Complete AA English Composition p.46 | 3-5 |
| COM 101 Oral Communication | 3 |
| Choose any MUS course | 3 |
| CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 15-17 |

| SECOND SEMESTER | Credits |
|----------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Complete AA English Composition p.46 | 3 |
| PHIL 102 Reasoning and Critical Thinking | 3 |
| Choose any HIST course | 3 |
| CRJ 107 Introduction to Ethics in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJ 120 Community Relations ¹ | 3 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 15 |

| THIRD SEMESTER | Credits |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| ENG 223 Themes of Literature | 3 |
| Choose any 3 credit ENV course | 3 |
| CRJ 130 Survey of Criminal Law | 3 |
| CRJ 225 Criminal Evidence | 3 |
| CRJ 270 Introduction to Criminology | 3 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 15 |

| FOURTH SEMESTER | Credits |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| BIOL 101 Biology for Non-Majors | 3-4 |
| PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics | 4 |
| CRJ 288 Second Year Capstone in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Complete Electives ² (see courses previous page) | 6 |
| TOTAL CREDITS | 16-19 |

DEGREE PLAN TOTAL CREDITS..... **61-64**

¹This course also fulfills the General Education Values and Diversity requirement.

²Any CRJ course without a B designation or any EMA course.

