

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE

Students pursuing a career in criminal justice have several career options in public and private corrections, security, and law enforcement arenas. Law enforcement officers may be responsible for protection of life and property, prevention of crimes, and the arrest of violators. Security personnel may be responsible for the protection of property, the prevention of crimes and the detection of those violating laws. Corrections officers may be responsible for maintaining discipline and order in prisons, jails, detention centers, and halfway houses through the supervision and control of residents. Management opportunities in criminal justice and criminal justice administration can include local, state and federal agency work. Persons competing for entry-level criminal justice employment will generally be required to complete an employment application, written and oral exam, drug and psychological screening, background investigation, polygraph, medical exam and physical ability/agility testing.

Graduation Requirements

Students must complete a minimum of 92 credit hours with a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or better. All courses in this program must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. Twenty-four (24) credits must be completed at Southwestern before the AAS Criminal Justice degree is awarded.

Courses that are developmental in nature, designed to prepare students for college transfer courses, are not applicable to this degree.

Complete the graduation application process one term prior to the term of completion (e.g., spring term graduates must apply during winter term).

Pre-Program Courses

Students are required to take the following courses *prior to* the program courses, depending on students' college placement information. See advisor for details:

Code	Title	Credits
CIS90	Computer Basics (or demonstrate proficiency)	2
MTH60	Algebra I	4
WR90	Paragraph Fundamentals (or placement in higher writing course)	3-4
or WR90R	Academic Literacy	

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Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
BA285	Human Relations in Organizations	3
CJ100	Intro to Criminal Justice	4
Social Science Elective ¹		3
WR121	English Composition	3
or WR115	or Introduction to Expository Writing	
or WR121H	or English Composition w/Honors	

Elective ²		3
Credits		16
Winter		
CJ101	Intro to Criminology	4
or SOC105	or Introduction to Criminology	
CJ110	Intro to Policing	4
Social Science Elective ¹		3
Elective ²		3
Specific Elective ³		3
Credits		17
Spring		
CJ220	Introduction to Substantive Law	4
MTH65	Algebra II ⁴	4
SP218	Interpersonal Communication	3
or SP111	or Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Social Science Elective ¹		3
Specific Elective ³		3
Credits		17
Second Year		
Fall		
CJ222	Constitutional Law	4
Social Science Elective ¹		3
Specific Elective ³		3
Elective ²		3
PE185 Physical Education ⁶		1
Credits		14
Winter		
CIS120	Concepts of Computing	4
CJ130	Corrections an Introduction	4
PE185 Physical Education ⁶		1
Specific Elective ³		3
Elective ²		3
Credits		15
Spring		
CJ247	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
PE185 Physical Education ⁶		1
Social Science Elective ¹		3
Specific Elective ³		6
Credits		13
Total Credits		92

¹ Social Science Electives from: SOC204 Introduction to Sociology, SOC205 Social Institutions and Change, SOC206 Social Problems and Issues, or any ANTH, SOC, PSY courses except 180/280 course and PS201 American Government Political to substitute.

² Developmental and remedial courses will not fulfill elective requirement.

³ Specific Electives: WR227 Report Writing; any CJ, EM, PSY, ANTH, or SOC course not included in the degree program.

⁴ MTH95 Intermediate Algebra or higher may be substituted for MTH65 Algebra II.

⁵ SP100 Basic Speech Communications or higher may be substituted for SP219 Small Group Discussion.

⁶ HE250 Personal Health or PE231 Wellness for Life may be substituted for three (3) credits of PE185 sport/activity courses.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program the student will be able to:

- Identify the characteristics of professional integrity and ethical standards for Oregon criminal justice professionals.
- Describe and relate the constitutional rights and responsibilities of citizens, offenders, and victims as they apply to state, federal, and procedural laws.
- Describe the processes and technology used to gather, investigate, manage, and report information in the criminal justice field.
- Identify the legal responsibilities of criminal justice professionals as they relate to cultural diversity and establishing positive community relationships.