CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The Associate of Science (AS) Criminal Justice degree is designed for students who plan to transfer and complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice (or a related field) at specific four-year institutions. It may also be earned as a stand-alone degree for current criminal justice employees or for students who plan to apply for work after the completion of the two-year degree. This degree will satisfy most of the lower division requirements of transfer institutions.

The AS Criminal Justice is articulated with Southern Oregon University (SOU) Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Students following this program of study will have met SOU's lower-division general education requirements, will be assured junior standing within the academic major, and will be eligible for admission to the Criminology and Criminal Justice major. The agreement is based on the evaluation of the rigor and content of the general education and technical courses at both Southwestern and SOU and is subject to a yearly re-evaluation by both schools for continuance.

Students should contact the SOU Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice early in the first year of their AS program to be advised about additional requirements and procedures for admission to the school or program. Students should be aware that if they transfer before completing this degree, their courses will be evaluated individually toward the general education requirements in effect at SOU.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 99 credit hours with a cumulative 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 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).

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.

Math and writing placement are unique to each student and are determined during the admissions and intake advising process.

Additional math or writing courses may be required prior to taking the math or writing program requirements in this degree. For more information on placement methods used, visit our college placement policy here.

PROGRAM GUIDE

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
Fall		
CJ100	Intro to Criminal Justice	4
SOC204	Introduction to Sociology [1]	3
SP111	Fundamentals of Public Speaking [2]	3
WR121	English Composition	4
Math/Science/Computer Science [3]		4
	Credits	**18**
Winter		
CJ101	Intro to Criminology	4
CJ110	Intro to Policing	4
SOC205	Social Institutions and Change [1]	3
WR122	English Composition	4
Math/Science/Computer Science [3]		4
	Credits	**19**
Spring		
CJ220	Introduction to Criminal Law	4
MTH105	Math in Society (or higher) [7]	4
SOC206	Social Problems and Issues [1]	3
WR227	Report Writing	4
Math/Science/Computer Science [3]		4
	Credits	**19**
Second Year		
Fall		
CJ226	Constitutional Law	4
MTH243	Intro to Probability and Statistics	4
PS201 or PS202 or PS203 or PS205	American Government: Political Institutions or American Government: Policy Issues or Local Politics and Government or International Relations: US Foreign Policy in the 20th Century	3
Health, Wellness, and Fitness [4]		1
Arts and Letters [5]		3
	Credits	**15**
Winter		
CIS120	Concepts of Computing	4
CJ130	Corrections	4
Health, Wellness, and Fitness [4]		1
Arts and Letters [5]		3
Specific Elective [6]		3-4
	Credits	**15-16**
Spring		
CJ247	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
Health, Wellness, and Fitness [4]		1
Arts and Letters [5]		3

Specific Elective [6]	6-8
Credits	**13-15**
Total Credits	**99-102**

[1]   Recommend SOC204, SOC205, or SOC206. May use any ANTH, HST, SOC, PSY, except 180/280 courses, BA101, CJ201, ECON201, ECON202, ED258, GEOG105, HDFS140, HDFS222, HDFS229, HDFS247, HE250, PE231, PS201,PS202, PS203, PS205 will also satisfy this requirement.

[2]   SP111, SP218, SP219 will satisfy this requirement.

[3]   Math/Science/Computer Science: Refer to Associate of Science Degree Requirement Science/Mathematics/Computer Science course list. At least two of the courses must have labs.

[4]   HE250, PE231 or three (3) credits of PE185 sport/activity courses will satisfy this requirement.

[5]   Arts and Letters: Refer to Associate of Science Degree Requirements.

[6]   Specific Electives: Any course in CJ, EM, or HD will satisfy this requirement.

[7]   MTH105 Math in Society or higher, excluding MTH211.

*   All Honors courses may substitute for their equivalent requirements.