

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Overview

Criminal Justice Studies Associate of Applied Science Degree

Program Code: 10-504-5

For more information: www.wctc.edu/criminal-justice (<http://www.wctc.edu/criminal-justice/>)

Explore the framework of the criminal justice system, and prepare for jobs in a variety of professions or easily transfer into bachelor's degree programs at select four-year colleges. Develop critical life skills necessary for any public safety or human service job.

The minimum required course grades and program grade point average (GPA) for students under this catalog are:

Core Courses = C

General Studies Courses = C-

Program GPA = 2.0

Learning Outcomes

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1. Illustrate the interrelationships of the three core components of the criminal justice system.
2. Analyze situational responses.
3. Apply communication skills as a criminal justice professional.
4. Conduct investigations.
5. Examine the professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner.
6. Explore personal wellness strategies for the criminal justice professions.
7. Explain the role of criminal justice professionals in working with diverse populations.

Critical Life Skills

To help our students prepare for success in a workplace and society that is **increasingly global, multi-cultural, and collaborative**, all students are given opportunities to develop and demonstrate Critical Life Skills, both in and out of the classroom. The following Critical Life Skills are learning outcomes for WCTC students.

- **Communication:** Demonstrate appropriate communication.
- **Critical Thinking/Problem Solving:** Demonstrate critical thinking skills to analyze situations and solve problems.
- **Relationships:** Demonstrate effective interpersonal skills.
- **Self-management:** Demonstrate responsible and respectful behavior.

Required Courses

Listed below are the required courses for the program. To view the recommended sequence for taking courses click on the plan of study tab(s) above. Work with your Academic Advisor to design a program plan!

View your **Program Matrix** to find out when each course will be offered (term and time of day).

Code	Title	Credits
Core Courses		
504-101	Intro to CJ Studies	3
504-102	Police Organization and Admin	3
504-104	Introduction to Security	3
504-112	Careers in Public Safety	3
504-114	CJ Capstone	4
504-115	Criminal Evidence	3
504-116	Constitutional Rights Crim Law	3
504-119	Future Trends Criminal Justice	3
504-120	Terrorism Homeland Security	3
504-122	Patrol & Traffic Procedures	3
504-123	Criminal Investigation	3
504-135	CJ Juvenile Law	3
504-140	Criminology	3
504-142	CJ Report Writing	3
809-168	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
General Studies		
801-136	English Composition 1	3
	Approved Substitute: 801-223	
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
	Approved Substitute: 801-198	
804-107	College Mathematics	3
	Approved Substitutes: (804-304 and 804-305) or 804-115 or 804-116 or 804-118 or 804-195 or 804-198	
809-197	Contemporary Amer Society	3
	Approved Substitute: 809-196	
809-199	Psychology of Human Relations	3
	Approved Substitute: 809-198	
Total Credits		61

Full-time Plan

First Year

Fall Term 1		Credits
504-101	Intro to CJ Studies	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
	Credits	6

Fall Term 2

504-104	Introduction to Security	3
504-112	Careers in Public Safety	3
	Credits	6

Spring Term 1

504-116	Constitutional Rights Crim Law	3
804-107	College Mathematics	3
	Credits	6

Spring Term 2

504-122	Patrol & Traffic Procedures	3
504-102	Police Organization and Admin	3
	Credits	6

Second Year

Summer Term

504-119	Future Trends Criminal Justice	3
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801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Comm	3
Credits		6
Fall Term 1		
504-120	Terrorism Homeland Security	3
504-135	CJ Juvenile Law	3
Credits		6
Fall Term 2		
504-142	CJ Report Writing	3
504-123	Criminal Investigation	3
Credits		6
Spring Term 1		
504-140	Criminology	3
504-115	Criminal Evidence	3
Credits		6
Spring Term 2		
504-114	CJ Capstone	4
809-168	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
Credits		7
Third Year		
Summer Term		
809-197	Contemporary Amer Society	3
809-199	Psychology of Human Relations	3
Credits		6
Total Credits		61