

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice Associate of Science

PROGRAM MISSION

The Criminal Justice program assists students in acquiring the skills necessary to be successful in the field of law enforcement, corrections and other related fields.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate of Science degree (Criminal Justice) has been developed with the cooperation and support of Southern Oregon University (SOU). The degree is fully articulated with SOU's Criminology and Criminal Justice program and allows students to transfer directly as juniors as pre-majors in CCJ. The articulation agreement for this program can be found at: sou.edu/admissions/transfers/tr-artagree.html

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice will:

1. Identify the major steps of the criminal justice process and how a case proceeds through the criminal justice system, including landmark U.S. Supreme court decisions
2. Communicate effectively in the criminal justice system via writing, verbal and non-verbal skills
3. Recognize how criminal justice professionals work effectively within a diverse society
4. Work effectively with diverse persons within society with respect to culture, heritage, gender, and age.
5. Demonstrate cognitive knowledge focusing on positive criminal justice professional/citizen contacts, with the principal emphasis on the importance of a continuing dialogue between the criminal justice system and all segments of the community

CAREER CONSIDERATIONS

The Criminal Justice program prepares students for entry-level jobs and future careers in the following areas: law enforcement, corrections, and parole and probation.

PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Year One

CJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
WR 121*	Academic Composition	4
CJ 120	Introduction to Judicial Process	3
OR SP 111, SP 219		
CJ 120	Introduction to Judicial Process	3-4
OR SP 218**	Interpersonal Communication	
WR 122	Argument, Research, & Multimodal Composition	4
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminology	3
CJ 130	Introduction to Corrections	3
WR 227	Technical Writing	4
Approved Electives		18

Year Two

CJ 105	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
MTH 105 or Higher		4
Required Humanities Electives		9
Required Science Electives		12
Approved Electives		17

Total Credits 90

Approved Electives

CIS 120	Introduction to Digital Literacy ¹	4
CJ 140	Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CJ 210	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 211	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 226	Introduction to Constitutional Law	3
CJ 230	Introduction to Juvenile Justice Systems	3
CJ 240 ⁴	Criminalistics II	3
CJ 243	Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs	3
CJ 280 ²	Cooperative Work Experience: Criminal Justice/Corrections	1-4
HS 227	Understanding Dysfunctional Families	3
SOC 207	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC 225	Social Aspects of Addiction	3

* A grade of C or better must be attained in these courses

** Meets Human Relations class requirement

⁺ Any unlisted CJ classes may be applied as approved electives.

² Four (4) credits of CJ 280 can be applied to AAS degree

⁴ Prerequisite: CJ 140 or instructor approval