

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (238)

About Our Program

The Criminal Justice Program at Highland Community College prepares students for a rewarding career with local, county, state, or federal law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, administrative assistants, courtroom employees, and other criminal justice agencies such as probation and parole. A number of related career fields, such as security and private investigations, are open to graduates of our Criminal Justice Program. In addition, our program can prepare current criminal justice professionals for career advancements. Those intending to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate program should speak to an advisor about our transfer program.

Nature of Work and Employment

A broad range of employment options exist in both the private and public sectors depending upon qualifications. Examples of areas of employment would include; but not be limited to the following: law enforcement, corrections, court reporting, parks and wildlife, and social work.

Special Considerations

There are recommended prerequisites for most of the Criminal Justice classes. Some general education courses may require prerequisites. Other than the internship, classes may be taken during any semester classes are offered. Students are required to have at least the first year completed prior to applying for the Internship class.

Requirements

First Semester		Hours
CJS 101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
ENGL 121	Rhetoric and Composition I	3
INFT 180	Intro to Information Systems	3
PHYD 121	Physical Fitness I	1
SPCH 191	Fund of Speech Communication	3
Hours		13
Second Semester		
MATH 111	Technical Math	3
SOCI 171	Introduction Sociology	3
CJS 102	Intro to Corrections	3
PSY 161	Introduction to Psychology	3
Criminal Justice Electives		3
Hours		15
Third Semester		
SPAN 155 or GERM 151	Elementary Spanish I or Elementary German I	4
CJS 202	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOCI 276	Racism & Diversity/Contemp Soc	3
Criminal Justice Electives		5
Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
CJS 201	Criminology	3
CJS 204	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
POL 152	American Government & Politics	3
OCED 290	Work Place Experience	4

Criminal Justice Electives	3
Hours	16
Total Hours	59

Recommended Electives (Law Enforcement)

Code	Title	Hours
CJS 205	Criminal Investigation	3
CJS 206	Policing in America	3
CJS 208	Intro to Terrorism	3
CJS 212	Communication/Criminal Justice	3

Recommended Electives (Corrections)

Code	Title	Hours
CJS 220	Probation and Parole	3
CJS 212	Communication/Criminal Justice	3

Recommended Electives (Law)

Code	Title	Hours
CJS 203	Criminal Law	3
CJS 210	Criminal Procedure	3

Recommended Electives (Cyber Security)

Code	Title	Hours
CJS 103	Intro to Cyber Security	3
CJS 214	Cybercrime/Computer Forensics	3

Other Recommended Electives

Code	Title	Hours
SOCI 271	Social Problems	3

Program Outcomes

Students will be able to

- Describe various historical and modern day challenges confronted in dealing with deviant behavior in society and associate these with proactive evidence-based reforms and solutions.
- Examine historical origins and current social issues from a variety of philosophical and theoretical perspectives on how human behavior has shaped culture and society.
- Outline the various elements of the criminal law, Amendment provisions and protections, and how these connect to the duties of working in each realm the criminal justice system.
- Describe the history and application of punishment, sentencing, rehabilitation, community corrections, and programming for deviant behavior in the criminal justice system.
- Compare the various strengths and weaknesses of a variety of treatment programs available for offenders and special populations within the correctional realm.
- Distinguish effective law enforcement strategies and responses relating to homeland security and security threats.
- Justify the vital ethical practices for those working in the criminal justice field.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication pertaining to the social sciences involving quantitative research, theory, and practice.

- Develop critical thinking skills encompassing the daily operations of each component of the criminal justice systems' function within society.

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