

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, Associate in Arts Degree - 6050

Social Science Department

CIP Code: 43.0103

The Criminal Justice AA degree is designed for students intending to pursue careers in law enforcement, correctional rehabilitation, juvenile and adult probation and parole, private security and investigations, forensic science, military police, and criminology. This program may require the student to submit to Act 33 Child Abuse and/or Act 34 Pennsylvania State Police Criminal Background Checks prior to enrollment in an internship course. Since the requirements of senior institutions vary widely, it is essential to choose an intended transfer institution as soon as possible and carefully follow the program described in that college's catalog. This program may be completed at all of HACC's campuses provided students take their coursework through various modalities (e.g., hybrid, synchronous remote instruction and asynchronous instruction) in addition to on-campus/in-person instruction.

Career or Transfer Opportunities

Career opportunities are dependent upon the curriculum option chosen. Many graduates are engaged in careers as criminal investigators, patrol officers, drug agents, prosecuting attorneys, private criminal and civil attorneys, probation and parole officers, correctional counselors, security managers, private investigators, undercover investigators, crime-scene technicians, forensic scientists, crime-lab experts, and other positions in municipal, state, federal, and private agencies.

Competency Profile

This curriculum is designed to prepare students to:

- Demonstrate an awareness of professional ethics including ethical and legal entrance requirements to the criminal justice
- Translate observations into writing
- Use technology as a form, or method, to conduct research
- Describe components of the criminal justice system including corrections, courts, law enforcement, and the private sector
- Examine diversity issues as they impact criminal justice
- Demonstrate an awareness of the dynamics of organizational behavior
- Manage and build teams
- Analyze problems and develop solutions

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (TOTAL CREDITS = 61)

General Education		Major Requirements		Other Requirements
ENGL 101 English Composition I	3	CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
ENGL 102 English Composition II (or)	3	CJ 108 Criminology	3	
ENGL 104 Technical Writing (or)	(3)	CJ 211 Juvenile Justice	3	
ENGL 106 Business Writing	(3)	CJ 212 Criminal Law and Procedure	3	
COMM 101 Effective Speaking	3	Law Enforcement or General Transfer Options	<u>23</u>	
Humanities & Arts Core Elective*	3		35	
Humanities & Arts Elective or Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3			
Mathematics Core Elective	3			
Science with a Laboratory Core Elective	3			
Social & Behavioral Science Core Elective	3			
First-Year Seminar Elective	1			
Wellness Elective	<u>1</u>			
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*Students are to select from the following courses: ART 181 or 182; ENGL 206; FMTH 101; HUM 101, 115 or 201; MUS 104; PHIL 200; or a foreign language.

Students select 23 credits from the follow concentrations:

Law Enforcement Concentration		General Transfer Concentration	
CJ 104 Police Operations	3	CJ 104 Police Operations	3
CJ 201 Criminal Investigation	3	CJ 106 Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 203 Criminal Evidence	3	Program Elective**	3
CJ 206 Criminalistics	4	Transfer Electives	<u>14</u>
CJ 208 Intermediate Criminalistics	4		23
CJ 215 CJ Organization & Administration	3		
CJ 243 International & Domestic Terrorism	<u>3</u>		
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**Students may select any CJ course.

RECOMMENDED SEQUENCE FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

Part time students can complete this program by taking one or more courses each semester.

Law Enforcement Concentration

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CJ 101	3	CJ 104	3	COMM 101	3	CJ 203	3
CJ 108	3	CJ 201	3	CJ 206	4	CJ 208	4
ENGL 101	3	ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3	CJ 212	3	CJ 211	3
FYS Elective	1	Humanities/Arts Core Elective*	3	Humanities & Arts or Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	CJ 215	3
Mathematics Core Elective	3	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	Science w/ a Lab Core Elective	3	CJ 243	3
Wellness Elective	1						

General Transfer Concentration

Fall Semester I		Spring Semester I		Fall Semester II		Spring Semester II	
CJ 101	3	CJ 104	3	COMM 101	3	CJ 106	3
CJ 108	3	ENGL 102, 104 or 106	3	CJ 212	3	CJ 211	3
ENGL 101	3	Humanities/Arts Core Elective*	3	Humanities/Arts Elective or Social/Science Behavioral Core Elective	3	Transfer Electives	11
FYS Elective	1	Social/Behavioral Science Core Elective	3	Science w/ a Lab Core Elective	3		
Mathematics Core Elective	3	Transfer Elective	3	Program Elective**	3		
Wellness Elective	1						