Criminal Justice

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.) with Guided Career Path for Criminal Justice

At a Glance

Police officers and detectives maintain law and order, collect evidence and information, and conduct investigations and surveillance. Graduates go on to careers in such jobs as police officers, game wardens, corrections officers or probation officers. Some jobs require a four-year degree, but a two-year associate's degree is all that is required at many police departments. Forensic science technicians investigate crimes by collecting and analyzing physical evidence. Often, they specialize in areas such as DNA analysis or firearm examination. When criminal cases come to trial, forensic science technicians may give testimony on specific laboratory findings by identifying and classifying substances, materials, and other evidence collected at the scene of a crime.

The Statewide Articulation Reporting System (STARS) will provide very specific transfer information to specific majors at each state-funded four-year institution. Once a student chooses a major and a place of transfer, an individualized guide and contract can be created. The STARS website can be accessed from the CACC homepage at www.cacc.edu. You may also access STARS from the CACC Admissions Office. CACC also has designated Transfer Advisors.

NOTE: The sample Guided Curricular Path below contains all the elements required for degree/certificate completion. However, courses may be offered or taken in other semesters so long as prerequisites are met and courses are available. Additional options may also be available. Courses may be available days, nights, hybrid, and online. Sample paths for part-time attendance may also be available. Please see an advisor. *Students must check with the Senior Institution to determine which courses are required.

First Semes	ter	
ORI 105	Orientation & Student Success	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MTH 110	Finite Mathematics	3
HIS 201	United States History I	3
CRJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
	Total Semester Credit Hours	15
Second Sem	nester	
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
CIS 146	Microcomputer Applications	3
HIS 202	United States History II	3
SPH 106	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
CRJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
	Total Semester Credit Hours	15

Third Semester

ENG 261	English Literature I	3
MUS 101	Music Appreciation	3
CRJ 150	Introduction to Corrections	3
Elective	(Refer to STARS Guide)	3
PHS 111	Physical Science I	4
	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
Fourth Sen		3
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PSY 200	General Psychology	
PHL 206	Ethics & Society	3
ECO 232	Principles of Microeconomics	3
Elective	(Refer to STARS Guide)	3
PHS 112	Physical Science II	4
	Total Semester Credit Hours	16
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS		62