

Associate in Applied Science (AAS)

Criminal Justice

Modern law enforcement is a highly competitive career field. The more education you have, the better your chance of employment and advancement. Prepare for entry-level employment in law enforcement agencies and in some correctional facilities with an Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice. People working within those areas can use the program to enhance their skills.

Degree Requirements

- **Communications:**
15 credits - ENGL& 101 English Composition I AND ENGL& 102 Composition II AND CMST& 220 Public Speaking.
- **Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Skills:**
5 credits – MATH& 107 OR higher with the exception of MATH& 131.
- **Social Sciences:**
5 credits – PSYC& 100 General Psychology.
- **Humanities:**
5 credits – HUM 104 Ethics and Cultural Values:DIV.
- **Diversity:**
5 credits – HUM 104 Ethics and Cultural Values:DIV.
- **Electives:**
11-13 credits - See advisor for approved list of electives.

Program Requirements

CJ& 101*	Intro to Criminal Justice	5
CJ& 106	Juvenile Justice	5
CJ& 110*	Criminal Law	5
CJ 154	The American Legal System	5
CJ 180	Report Writing for Law Enforcement	5
CJ 184*	Administration of Justice	5
CJ 260*	Physical Evidence and Criminalistics	5
CS 110	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3
POLS& 202	American Government	5
POLS 220	Law and Social Issues	5

Recommended Electives

CJ 185	Community Policing	5
CJ 187	Crisis Intervention for Professionals	3
ICP - CJ 288/289	Criminal Justice Co-op Work Experience and Employment Portfolio Seminar	Var.
SOC& 101	Introduction to Sociology:DIV	5

Diversity and Distribution Lists are available in the Lower Columbia College Academic Catalog and at lowercolumbia.edu/catalog.

Total credits required to earn this degree: 94-96 with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.0.

Full-time law enforcement officers who have completed the training commission curriculum and are enrolled in the Criminal Justice program may waive three of the courses marked with asterisks (*) and substitute CJ 100 – Basic Law Enforcement for three courses. See instructor of CJ 180 for waiver requirement. The training commission curriculum consists of 450 hours of classroom instruction.

Students completing this program should acquire the following skills and abilities:

- Apply knowledge of criminal law in Washington State to hypothetical fact patterns
- Demonstrate knowledge of constitutional law as it pertains to criminal justice
- Analyze how a case proceeds through the criminal justice system
- Use effective verbal and written communication skills
- Demonstrate basic knowledge and application of methods of police patrol, operations, and management
- Analyze numerical data as applied to criminal justice
- Generate satisfactory reports based on knowledge of investigative techniques, evidence gathering, searching, sketching, and on-scene interviewing
- Demonstrate knowledge of the juvenile justice system
- Demonstrate knowledge of skills needed in working with diverse populations and resolving conflict in a variety of situations
- Evaluate ethics and ethical applications in criminal justice

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Planner

The distribution lists are in the LCC Catalog. If you are online, click on the links below:

Diversity Course List

Distribution List

Name: _____ Date: _____

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Suggested Schedule

Fall Quarter			Winter Quarter			Spring Quarter			Summer Quarter		
√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs
	ENGL& 101	5		ENGL& 102	5		CMST& 220	5			
	CJ& 101	5		CJ 154	5		MATH& 107	5			
	CJ& 110	5		CJ 184	5		CJ& 106	5			
	Total:	15		Total:	15		Total:	15		Total:	

Fall Quarter			Winter Quarter			Spring Quarter			Summer Quarter		
√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs
	CS 110	3		HUM 104:DIV	5		CJ 260	5			

Fall Quarter			Winter Quarter			Spring Quarter			Summer Quarter		
√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs	√	Courses	Crs
	PSYC& 100	5		CJ 180	5		POLS 220	5			
	CJ& 106	5		ELECTIVBS			ELECTIVB-5				
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	Total:	18		Total:	18		Total:	13-15		Total:	

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Notes:

Program planning is based on information available at the time of preparation. It is the student's responsibility to meet with their LCC advisor for specific requirements. Consult the LCC catalog for LCC graduation requirements. The necessity for prerequisite classes or beginning classes in a quarter other than Fall will change this plan and may extend beyond two years.

*Any CJ course, unless there is a prerequisite, may be taken at any time during the first or second year.

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