

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.A.S.

The Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students for career entry or career advancement in criminal justice agencies. This program is particularly useful for those pursuing careers with local and state law enforcement agencies, and it can also prepare students for entry-level correctional and private security positions. The **Criminal Justice degree** requires 64 credits in program requirements, program electives, electives and general education in the courses listed below.

For more information about Justice Studies, please visit the program page (<http://www.cod.edu/justice-studies/>).

Degree Requirements

Field of Study Code: CRIMJ.AAS

Code	Title	Credits
Program Requirements		
CRIMJ 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIMJ 1151	Constitutional Law	3
CRIMJ 2150	Multiculturalism and Diversity	3
Program Electives		
Select 12 credits from any 1000- or 2000-level Criminal Justice courses ¹		12
Electives		
Select 21 credits from any 1000- or 2000-level courses ¹		21
General Education		
Select 22 credits ¹		22
Total Credits		64

¹ In addition to the courses listed above.

General Education Requirements

For general education requirements for the A.A.S. degree, please visit the A.A.S. degree catalog page (<https://catalog.cod.edu/associate-degree-programs/associate-applied-science-degree/>).

Suggested Semester Sequence

Course	Title	Credits
First Semester		
CRIMJ 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIMJ 1145	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
ENGLI 1101 or ENGLI 1105	English Composition I or Workplace Writing	3
GEN ED	Mathematics	3-5
GEN ED	Humanities and Fine Arts	3
Credits		15-17
Second Semester		
CRIMJ 1151	Constitutional Law	3
SPEEC 1100	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
CRIMJ 2231	Criminology ¹	3
GEN ED	Physical and Life Sciences	3-5
PHYS 2251	Living With Health ²	3
Credits		15-17

Summer Semester		
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
Credits		3
Third Semester		
CRIMJ 2150	Multiculturalism and Diversity	3
CRIMJ 1130	Introduction to Corrections ¹	3
GEN ED	Social and Behavioral Science	3
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
Credits		15
Fourth Semester		
CRIMJ 2240	Juvenile Delinquency ¹	3
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
ELECTIVE	Elective ³	3
Credits		12
Total Credits		60-64

¹ Recommended Program Elective.

² Recommended Elective. PHYS 2251 Living With Health emphasizes stress management, nutrition, fitness and overall wellness – essential for public service professions.

³ For general electives, faculty recommend that you take courses toward a stackable credential (i.e. Homeland Security, Forensics, or Private Security Certificate courses)

Program Milestones

First Semester

- Consider joining or visiting with a professional, cultural or interest-based Student Club (http://cod.edu/student_life/clubs_org/).
- Make an appointment with a full-time faculty member to discuss course selections and co-curricular activities.
- Join the Academy of Law and Criminal Justice Club / Chi Upsilon Honors Society.
- Declare the credentials you desire to complete.
- Schedule Math and English placement tests as necessary prior to the start of the semester.

Second Semester

- If you have not done so yet this semester, it is important to make an appointment with a Faculty or Program Advisor (<https://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/justice-studies/faculty.aspx>) to discuss your future academic progress.

Fourth Semester

- Formally apply for degree and certificate credentials.

This page lists programs related to one another.

- Criminal Justice, Certificate (<https://catalog.cod.edu/programs-study/justice-studies/criminal-justice-certificate/>)
- Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway, AA (<https://catalog.cod.edu/programs-study/justice-studies/criminal-justice-transfer-pathway-aa/>)

- Forensic Criminal Investigation, Certificate (<https://catalog.cod.edu/programs-study/justice-studies/forensic-criminal-investigation-certificate/>)
- Homeland Security, AAS (<https://catalog.cod.edu/programs-study/justice-studies/homeland-security-aas/>)
- Homeland Security, Certificate (<https://catalog.cod.edu/programs-study/justice-studies/homeland-security-certificate/>)