

Criminal Justice Program

Degree Type

Associate in Science



Any student whose career plans include probation, corrections, or law enforcement requires not only a broad understanding of the criminal justice system, but also a fundamental knowledge of the social and behavioral sciences.

Students who are matriculated and place into developmental math and/or English are required to begin the course sequence in the first semester. Please see an [advisor](#) with questions.



As the only public institution offering a Criminal Justice degree on Cape Cod, we have created a student-centered learning community that prepares students for a variety of professional opportunities in the various criminal justice careers such as probation, corrections, law enforcement and employment in the court system. Through classroom instruction and experiential learning we provide a broad understanding of the criminal justice system and a fundamental knowledge of the social and behavioral sciences, particularly as they apply to the field of criminal justice.

Learn more about the program and apply at [Associate in Science - Criminal Justice](#)

Requirements

Item #		Title	Credits
CRJ100		Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ105		Criminology, Theory and Practice	3
CRJ116		Introduction to Corrections	3
ENL101		English Composition I	3
		Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (or) Natural or Physical Science	3-4
Second Semester			
CRJ103		Criminal Law	3
CRJ125		Contemporary Policing	3
		Criminal Justice Elective	3
BIO105		Survey: Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
		ENL102 or COM103	3

Third Semester

Item #		Title	Credits
CRJ206		Principles of Investigation I	3
CRJ210		Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
		Criminal Justice Elective	3
HIS104		U.S. History since 1865	3
PSY101		General Psychology	3

Fourth Semester

Item #		Title	Credits
CRJ207		Principles of Investigation II	3
CRJ240		Selected Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ261		Criminal Justice Cooperative Work Experience	3
SOC106		Principles of Sociology	3
		Elective	3

[CRJ261](#) Criminal Justice Cooperative Work Experience can be completed in the fall, spring, or summer semesters. Please refer to the policy statement of [Criminal Offender Record Information \(CORI\)](#) and [Sex Offender Registry Information \(SORI\)](#) checks.

Total Credits	61-62
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Transfer Information

Transfer Agreements:
[Criminal Justice](#)

Career Outlook

The Criminal Justice program prepares students who intend to enter the fields of Law Enforcement, Corrections, or the Court System at all governmental levels. Also, careers in the private sector that include, but are not limited to private security, industrial security, and various external agencies that are associated with the criminal justice community.

This [occupational profile](#) is provided by O*NET.

See also: [What can I do with this major?](#)

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the Criminal Justice program, students are able to:

- Read, write, discuss, and think critically about topics and ideas in criminal justice.
- Analyze ethical issues in criminal justice
- Apply ethical principles to the performance of roles and responsibilities in criminal justice careers.
- Synthesize information from the diversity literature in sociology, psychology, history, and criminal justice to determine sensitive and effective interactions with people encountered in criminal justice settings.
- Assume positions in a variety of criminal justice careers.
- Transfer to professional baccalaureate programs.