

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES

Associate Degree
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Persons interested in careers in criminal justice will receive theoretical and practical information in the program. Criminal justice is becoming increasingly complex and important. Today's criminal justice employees must be trained to meet the challenges of our changing society. The Criminal Justice Studies Program courses, as well as support and general education courses, will prepare the student for a position as a law enforcement officer (state, county, municipal), correctional officer, juvenile detention officer, police dispatcher, or many other occupational areas in the criminal justice system.

Program Outcomes

- Examine the components of and interrelationships in the criminal justice system
- Analyze situational responses
- Apply communication skills as a criminal justice professional
- Conduct investigations
- Adhere to the professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner
- Maintain personal wellness
- Explain the balance between protecting individual rights and ensuring public safety
- Identify government, community and social service agencies associated with the criminal justice system
- Identify correctional alternatives for juveniles
- Identify correctional alternatives for adults
- Interpret applicable criminal statutes

Graduates Have Found Employment As

- Eligibility to apply to law enforcement officer certification academy (police officer and deputy sheriff)
- County Correctional Officer
- Juvenile Detention Officer
- Group Home Worker
- Community Juvenile Diversion Worker
- Case Manager (Halfway House)
- Private Security Officer
- State Prison Correctional Officer

View the entire course listing (<http://catalog.blackhawk.edu/courses>).

Semester 1		Credits
504-922	The Criminal Justice System	3
504-923	Criminal Procedure	3
504-926	Juvenile Justice System	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
Credits		15
Semester 2		
504-924	Substantive Criminal Law	3

504-925	Interview and Interrogation	3
520-114	Victimology	3
801-195	Written Communication	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
Credits		15
Semester 3		
504-910	Introduction to Corrections	3
or 504-929	or Policing and Crime Prevention	
or 504-939	or Juvenile Offenders and Family	
504-911	Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society	3
504-921	Drugs, Society, Criminal Justice	3
504-927	Introductory Report Writing	3
809-159	Abnormal Psychology	3
999-999	Elective	3
Credits		18
Semester 4		
504-928	Criminal Investigation Strategies	3
504-938	Patrol Procedures	3
or 504-941	or Community Corrections	
804-107	College Mathematics	3
806-110	Forensic Science (Criminalistics)	3
504-940	Juvenile Residential Services	3
or 999-999	or Elective	
Credits		15
Total Credits		63

General Education Courses Within Program

Code	Title	Credits
801-195	Written Communication	3
801-196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication	3
806-110	Forensic Science (Criminalistics)	3
809-159	Abnormal Psychology	3
809-188	Developmental Psychology	3
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
804-107	College Mathematics	3

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