

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES



Associate of Applied Science Degree
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Criminal Justice Studies (CJS) at BTC is a 4-semester, 60 credit, flexible program designed to provide a foundation of knowledge in criminological, sociological, and psychological theories which will allow you to obtain careers in the criminal justice system. The program will provide learners with training to meet the challenges of an increasing complex criminal justice environment. Applied knowledge, technical skills, and communication abilities gained within this program offers you the ability to pursue a wide range of positions in the field of criminal justice, including a law enforcement officer (state, county, municipal), correctional officer, juvenile detention officer, police dispatcher, or many other occupational areas in the criminal justice system. After completion of the program, you will have the ability to think critically, demonstrate accountability, exhibit respect for all, use technology skillfully, and communicate effectively as a criminal justice professional.

Program outcomes:

- Illustrate the interrelationships of the three core components of the criminal justice system
- Analyze situational responses
- Apply communication skills as a criminal justice professional
- Conduct investigations
- Examine the professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner
- Explore personal wellness strategies for the criminal justice professions
- Explain the role of criminal justice professionals in working with diverse populations

Graduates have found employment as:

- Police Officer
- Deputy Sheriff

- Private Security Officer
- Court Administrative Assistant
- Juvenile Detention Officer
- Group Home Worker
- Community Juvenile Diversion Worker
- Case Manager (Halfway House)
- County Correctional Officer
- State Prison Correctional Officer

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

Plan of Study Grid

Semester 1		Credits
504-922	Criminal Justice - Introduction	3
504-926	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
504-910	Introduction to Corrections	3
801-136	English Composition 1	3
804-134 or 804-118	Mathematical Reasoning or Intermediate Algebra with Applications	3-4
Credits		15-16
Semester 2		
504-924	Introductory Criminal Law	3
504-925	Interview and Interrogation	3
504-911	Peacekeeping in a Diverse Society	3

809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
801-198	Speech	3
	Credits	15
Semester 3		
504-921	Drugs, Society, Criminal Justice	3
504-923	Criminal Procedure	3
504-927	Introductory Report Writing	3
504-929 or 504-939 or 504-941	Policing and Crime Prevention or Juvenile Offenders and Family or Community Corrections	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3
	Credits	15
Semester 4		
504-928	Criminal Investigation	3
504-950	Forensic Criminology	3
504-955	Criminal Justice Administration	3
504-940 or 504-916 or 504-956	Juvenile Residential Services or Criminal Justice Internship or Fundamentals of Dispatch	3
520-114	Victimology	3
	Credits	15
	Total Credits	60-61

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General Education Courses Within Program

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801-136	English Composition 1	3
801-198	Speech	3
804-134	Mathematical Reasoning	3-4
or 804-118	Intermediate Algebra with Applications	
809-196	Introduction to Sociology	3
809-198	Introduction to Psychology	3