

Criminal Justice Studies, A.A.S.

Degree Offered

- Associate of Applied Science

Nature of the Program

The Associate of Applied Science In Criminal Justice Studies Degree provides students—both traditional and non-traditional—with the opportunity to complete a marketable two-year degree in criminal justice. The program is designed to prepare men and women for positions in law enforcement, the courts, community corrections, and institutional corrections. This program is also designed for those people currently working in the criminal justice system.

Graduates of this program may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in Criminal Justice.

Career Opportunities

Students with this degree can secure entry-level positions in municipal, county, state, and some federal law enforcement agencies, private investigations, private security, and corrections.

FACULTY

CHAIR

- Jeff Jones - M.S. Forestry
Year @ PSC (2003)

PROFESSOR

- Dr. Heidi B. Samuels - Ed.D. Educational Leadership & M.S. Criminal Justice
Year @ PSC (2006)

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

- Danielle Lessard - Ph.D. Criminal Justice
Year @ PSC (2018)

Admissions

Entering freshmen are admitted directly into the major.

General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (<http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef/>)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		3-4
F4 - Society & Connections		3
F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past		3
F6 - The Arts & Creativity		3
F7 - Global Studies & Diversity		3
F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)		9
Total Hours		31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
GEF Elective Requirement (GEF 8)		3
ENGL 101	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric (GEF 1)	3
MATH 121	Intro Concepts Of Mathematics (GEF 3)	3
COMM 104	Fundamentals of Public Communication (GEF 5)	3
CS 101	Intro to Computer Applications (GEF 2)	4
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology (GEF 4)	3
PSYC 281	Introduction to Psychological Disorders (GEF 7)	3
WVUE 191	First Year Seminar	1
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 202	Principles of Criminal Law	3
CJ 225	Criminal Procedure and Constitutional Law	3
CJ 230	Probation and Parole Operations	3
CJ 285	Criminal Justice Technical Writing	3
Select one of the following:		3
CJ 111	Police Operations	
CJ 206	Introduction to Corrections	
Lower Level Major Elective (Select five of the following):		15
CJ 111	Police Operations	
CJ 204	Police Defense Tactics	
CJ 206	Introduction to Corrections	
CJ 233	Juvenile Justice	
CJ 236	Criminal Investigation	
CJ 242	Contemporary Policing	
CJ 245	Adjudication Process	
CJ 255	Analysis of Correctional Operations	
CJ 293	Special Topics	
CJ 295	Field Practicum	
Elective		4
Total Hours		60

Suggested Plan of Study

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
ENGL 101 (GEF 1)		3 CJ 202	3
CJ 101		3 CS 101 (GEF 2)	4
CJ 111 or 206		3 MATH 121 (or higher: GEF 3)	3
WVUE 191		1 PSYC 101 (GEF 4)	3
Elective		3 Lower Level Major Elective *	3
Elective		1	
		14	16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CJ 230		3 CJ 225	3
COMM 104 (GEF 5)		3 CJ 285	3
PSYC 281 (GEF 7)		3 Lower Level Major Elective	3
Lower Level Major Elective *		3 Lower Level Major Elective	3

Lower Level Major Elective*	3 GEF Elective (GEF 8)	3
	15	15

Total credit hours: 60

Major Learning Outcomes

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES, A.A.S.

- The student will be able to identify the role and responsibilities of a criminal justice professional in all areas of criminal justice.
- The student will be able to identify the basic components of the criminal justice system.
- The student will be able to identify behaviors which violate the criminal code.
- The student will be able to communicate clearly and effectively in both written and verbal formats.
- The student will be able to perform individually and within groups
- The student will be able to identify and evaluate the theories of criminal behavior in both adult and juvenile criminal arenas.
- The student will be able to demonstrate the investigative techniques.
- The student will be able to work well with others and be understanding of personal differences.
- The student will be able to analyze and explain the adjudicatory process.
- The student will be able to evaluate issues of Constitutional law and identify individual rights.
- The student will be able to demonstrate an understanding of criminal procedures.