

Criminal Justice, A.S.

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Program Description

Students in Criminal Justice may receive a Certificate of Proficiency in Law Enforcement Academy, an Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice, or a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forensic Science.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		60
General Education Requirements		30 Credits
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning (3)	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra (6)	
STAT 1040 or STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics (3) Introduction to Statistics with Algebra	
MATH 1050	College Algebra (4)	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries (5)	
Complete one of the following:		3
HIST 2700 & HIST 2710	US History to 1877 and US History since 1877 (6)	
HIST 1700	American History (3)	
HIST 1740	US Economic History (3)	
POLS 1000	American Heritage (3)	
POLS 1100	American National Government (3)	
Complete the following:		
Distribution Courses:		
Biology		3
Physical Science		3
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
Humanities		3
Fine Arts		3
Social/Behavioral Science		3
Discipline Core Requirements		15 Credits
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
Elective Requirements		15 Credits
Electives may consist of any Criminal Justice (CJ) course that is not part of the core requirements, Forensic Science (FSCI) or National Security Studies (NSS) courses.		10
Complete any 1000-level, or higher, courses		5

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 60 or more semester credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above. (Departments may require a higher GPA.)
3. Residency hours: Minimum of 20 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.
4. Completion of GE and specified departmental requirements.
5. Must have a grade of C- or higher in all discipline core and criminal justice elective requirements.

Graduation Plan

This graduation plan is a sample plan and is intended to be a guide. Your specific plan may differ based on your Math and English placement and/or transfer credits applied. You are encouraged to meet with an advisor and set up an individualized graduation plan in Wolverine Track (<http://www.uvu.edu/wolverinetrack/>).

First Year

Semester 1		Credit Hours
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3
American Institutions Elec.		3
Elective		2
Social Science Elective		3
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Credit Hours		14

Semester 2

ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra	
Humanities Elective		3
CJ 1390	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
Credit Hours		15

Second Year

Semester 3

Biology Elective		3
Physical Science Elective		3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15

Semester 4

Fine Arts Elective		3
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
CJ 1300	Introduction to Corrections Process	3
CJ 2330	Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 2900R	Criminal Justice Lecture Series	1
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		60

An online graduation plan offers students a flexible yet structured approach to their academic journey. While this sample serves as a general guideline, individual plans may differ based on Math and English placement scores. Meeting with an academic advisor is strongly recommended to customize plans and ensure all graduation requirements are met.

Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are Certified Online Courses, meeting UVU's high standards for quality and accessibility.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Semester 1		
ENGL 1010 or ENGH 1005	Introduction to Academic Writing* or Literacies and Composition Across Contexts	3

Social Science Elective		3
American Institutions GE		3
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice *	3
Elective		
Credit Hours		12
Semester 2		
ENGL 2010	Intermediate Academic Writing *	3
Complete one of the following:		3
MAT 1030	Quantitative Reasoning *	
MAT 1035	Quantitative Reasoning with Integrated Algebra *	
STAT 1040	Introduction to Statistics	
STAT 1045	Introduction to Statistics with Algebra	
MATH 1050	College Algebra *	
MATH 1055	College Algebra with Preliminaries *	
Humanities GE		3
CJ 1390	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 1330	Criminal Law *	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Year		
Semester 3		
Biology GE		3
Physical Science GE		3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations *	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence *	3
Elective		3
Credit Hours		15
Semester 4		
Fine Arts GE		3
Personal, Professional, and Civic Growth		3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science *	3
CJ 1300	Introduction to Corrections Process *	3
CJ 2330	Juvenile Justice *	3
CJ 2900R	Criminal Justice Lecture Series *	1
Credit Hours		16
Total Credit Hours		58

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Students should acquire general knowledge about the criminal justice system, including familiarity with the criminal law, victimization, the adjudication process, corrections options, police-community relations, evidence, ethics and theory.
2. Students will demonstrate the skills necessary to communicate effectively in writing, solve complex problems demonstrating they can see problems from multiple perspectives and still support their final conclusions with persuasive arguments.
3. Students can describe and implement the main principles of the United States Constitution. Specifically, they will demonstrate they can properly apply Constitutional principles relating to individual rights and due process to actual criminal justice problems.

Detectives and criminal investigators

- Total Positions 113,400
- Field Growth 2.3%
- Median Salary \$91,100
- Average Openings 8.5

Police and sheriff's patrol officers

- Total Positions 674,200
- Field Growth 3.9%
- Median Salary \$72,280
- Average Openings 53.8

Criminal justice and law enforcement teachers, postsecondary

- Total Positions 16,100
- Field Growth 2.9%
- Median Salary \$69,030
- Average Openings 1.3