Criminal Justice, Undergraduate Certificate

Visit the Criminal Justice page (https://www.uvu.edu/criminaljustice/) for more information on the program and access to advising.

Program Description

The Criminal Justice, Undergraduate Certificate prepares students for entry-level roles in law enforcement, corrections, and related fields. High school students can earn this certificate through a Career and Technical Education pathway that stacks into specific UVU certificates and degrees. Students gain foundational knowledge and practical skills to advance academically and professionally in criminal justice.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Total Credit Hours		**18**
ENGL 1010	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or ENGL 1005	Foundations of Academic Writing	
Choose 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	
An Advanced Placement (AP) Mathematics Test with a score of 3 or higher		
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of a minimum of 18 credits.
2. Overall grade point average of 2.0 (C) or above.
3. Residency hours -- minimum of 4 credit hours through course attendance at UVU.

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	Introduction to Academic Writing	3
or ENGL 1005	or Foundations of Academic Writing	
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Any QL Approved Math		3
	Credit Hours	**9**
Semester 2		
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 1350	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
	Credit Hours	**9**
	Total Credit Hours	**18**

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Describe the components of the criminal justice system, including criminal law, victimization, adjudication, corrections, police-community relations, evidence, ethics, and theory.
2. Analyze and evaluate information from multiple sources to assess and critique crime scene scenarios.
3. Apply critical thinking to approach complex problems by considering different perspectives and alternative solutions in crime scene analysis.

Police and sheriff's patrol officers

- Total Positions674,200
- Field Growth3.9%
- Median Salary$72,280
- Average Openings53.8