CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Increasing complexities of our society and its laws have influenced more criminal justice agencies to require that candidates for employment possess a college education. The degree in criminal justice features opportunities to learn essential knowledge for preparedness to work in the criminal justice field, but does not cover the professional courses that lead to police or corrections officer certification. There are also opportunities for police officers and other practitioners to receive credit for their experiences in this program. Course work includes the philosophies of community policing, professional integrity and ethics, personal fitness, broad-based criminal justice education, and writing across the curriculum.

The degree in digital forensics will prepare you to identify, collect, and maintain digital artifacts to preserve their reliability for admission as evidence in a court of law. Computers and other digital devices are used today in just about every facet of our business and personal lives. As society becomes more dependent on these devices to communicate and store data, evidence trails are left in electronic format.

The digital forensics vocational certificate is for individuals who are already in law enforcement or criminal justice and want to jump into digital forensics.

Entrance Requirements

None

Program Requirements

None

- The language, terms, and concepts of criminal justice and police administration.
- Each component of the criminal justice system, and be able to define and describe each component.
- The causes of crime in our society.
- Law enforcement practices and the causes of stress within the profession.
- The differences in the juvenile and adult justice systems.
- The sources of law within the American Criminal Justice System (Common Law, Constitution, legislative/statutory laws, case law, substantive and procedural laws)
- The fundamentals of criminal investigations, and the laws of evidence.
- Communicating effectively through oral and written formats.
- The local, state and federal courts systems, and identify courtroom procedures.
- Providing examples of major ethical issues confronting the criminal justice system and its personnel.
- The relationship between the community and the police, and the necessity for proactive vs. reactive strategy in the community.
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- The significance of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, specifically, the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and the Fourteenth Amendments as they apply to development of criminal laws.
- The history and evolution of Correctional Programs used in the U.S. Criminal Justice System.

Criminal Justice - Associate of Applied Science

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CMS 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
CRJ 111	Stress Management in Law Enforcement	3
POS 150	Amer Government - National	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
	Total	**15**
Second Semester		
CRJ 110	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ 198	The Police Service	3
CRJ 160	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
PSY 100	Intro to Psychology	3
HUM 115 or HUM 116 or HUM 216	Critical Reasoning or Logic or Ethics	3
	Total	**15**
Third Semester		
CRJ 199	Community Based Policing	3
SOC 100	Principles of Sociology	3
CRJ 231	Juvenile Justice	3
CRJ 205	Criminal Law	3
Required Math/Science Course		3
Criminal Justice Elective		3
	Total	**18**
Fourth Semester		
CRJ 225	Criminal Investigation	3
CRJ 230	Criminology	3
CRJ 270	Criminal Justice Org and Mgt	3
Criminal Justice Elective		3
	Total	**12**
	Program Total	**60**

Criminal Justice Electives

Course	Title	Credits
CRJ 120	Introduction to Probation and Parole	3
CRJ 165	Introduction to Forensic Science	3
CRJ 175	Terrorism and Homeland Security	3
CIS 170	Introduction to Digital Forensics	3
CRJ 180	Crime Prevention	3
CRJ 200	Police Operations	3
CRJ 201	Crisis and Conflict Mediation	3
CRJ 215	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 220	Criminalistics	3
CRJ 235	Issues in Criminal Justice	0.5-3

CRJ 290	Criminal Justice Seminar & Practicum	3
SUB 122	Substance Abuse Pharmacology	3
SUB 125	Special Populations	3
PSC 105	Public Safety Telecommunicator	6
FSS 101	Principles of Emergency Services	3
FSS 202	Hazardous Materials Chemistry	3
FSS 220	Legal Aspects of Emergency Services	3

Digital Forensics - Associate of Applied Science

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
CIS 110	Computer Concepts & Business Appls	3
CMS 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3
CIS 171	Introduction to Cyber Crimes	2
Required Communications Course		3
Required Social/Behavioral Sciences Course (Recommended PSY 100 or POS 150)		3
	Total	**14**
Second Semester		
CIS 230	Computer Hardware & Troubleshooting	4
CIS 170	Introduction to Digital Forensics	3
Required Math/Science Course		3-4
Required Humanities/Fine Arts Course		3
	Total	**13-14**
Third Semester		
CRJ 205	Criminal Law	3
CIS 252	Network Fundamentals	3
CIS 222	Linux Operating Systems	3
Digital Forensics Elective		3-4
Required Communications Course		3
	Total	**15-16**
Fourth Semester		
CIS 271	Application Device Evidence Recovery	3
CRJ 215	Criminal Procedure	3
CIS 253	Principles of Cyber Security	3
CRJ 230	Criminology	3
CIS 231	Intro to Windows OS	3
Digital Forensics Elective		3-4
	Total	**18-19**
	Program Total	**60-63**

Digital Forensics Electives

Course	Title	Credits
CIS 105	Introduction to Computer Programming	4
CIS 121	Computer Science I	4
CIS 127	Discrete Structures	3
CIS 256	Network Administration/Microsoft	3
ACC 200	Financial Accounting	4
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 165	Introduction to Forensic Science	3

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Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Semester		
CIS 110	Computer Concepts & Business Appls	3
CIS 170	Introduction to Digital Forensics	3
CIS 171	Introduction to Cyber Crimes	2
Digital Forensics Elective		2-3
	Total	**10-11**
Second Semester		
CIS 222	Linux Operating Systems	3
CIS 230	Computer Hardware & Troubleshooting	4
CIS 253	Principles of Cyber Security	3
	Total	**10**
Third Semester		
CIS 271	Application Device Evidence Recovery	3
Digital Forensics Elective		6
	Total	**9**
	Program Total	**29-30**

Digital Forensics Electives

Course	Title	Credits
CIS 105	Introduction to Computer Programming	4
CIS 230	Computer Hardware & Troubleshooting	4
CIS 252	Network Fundamentals	3
CIS 253	Principles of Cyber Security	3
CIS 256	Network Administration/Microsoft	3
CRJ 165	Introduction to Forensic Science	3

All CRJ courses numbered 100 and above may be applied to the major field and elective requirement in the Associate for Arts and Associate in Science degrees.

CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) 3,0
This course will approach the criminal justice system from an historical, developmental and philosophical perspective. Included will be the independent and interdependent relationships which exist between the components of the system as well as the connection with and impact upon society. (1.2) IAI Major: CRJ 901 Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

CRJ 110 Introduction to Corrections (3) 3,0
This course provides students with an overview of the corrections system. Course includes historical development, philosophy and a variety of correctional methods. Both pre- and post-institutional techniques, probation and parole will be covered. (1.1) IAI Major: CRJ 911 Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

CRJ 111 Stress Management in Law Enforcement (3) 3,0
The purpose of this course is to develop an understanding of the stress faced by law enforcement officers and identify the sources of stress faced by the police officer, both internally and externally. Obtain an understanding of the physiology of stress, the zone of stability, and the causes of stress in policing. Methods of controlling and responding to stress will be reviewed, including physical and psychological techniques of stress management. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

CRJ 120 Introduction to Probation and Parole (3) 3,0
This course will cover the organization and operation of probation and parole systems, including history, law, ideologies, evaluation, problems, supervision, investigations, halfway houses, work release, and future trends. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

CRJ 160 Criminal Justice Report Writing (3) 2,2
This course will include the practical essentials for the preparation of notes, letters, bulletins, reports, statements and confessions as used throughout the criminal justice system. A review of grammar, usage, punctuation, structure and spelling will be covered. Clear, concise and accurate writing will be stressed. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 FET) Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: ENG 101
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

CRJ 165 Introduction to Forensic Science (3) 2,2
This course is intended to introduce the student to the field of Forensics Science as applied in the field by police officers and evidence technicians. The student will be introduced to the many aspects of working with evidence in a classroom setting while participating in hands-on application of many techniques in the location, collection, identification, and preservation of various categories of evidence in a field and lab setting. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $455 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

CRJ 175 Terrorism and Homeland Security (3) 3,0
This course provides a basic overview of the issues and criminology of terrorism. It will discuss international terrorism from ethnic, nationalistic, and separatist perspectives and look at religious and ideological terrorism; both international and domestic. Specific terrorist organizations will be analyzed and discussed with specific attention given to future trends and behavior such as; suicide terrorism, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Cyberterrorism and other terrorist "tools of the trade". Homeland Security and counter-terrorism issues will be addressed along with the importance of intelligence sharing and governmental partnerships between federal, state, and local law enforcement and intelligence agencies. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 IEF) Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

CRJ 180 Crime Prevention (3) 3,0
This course provides a survey of crime prevention strategies as a specific function of police services requiring input from private, public and community interests. Examines the philosophy and organizational structure of crime prevention units. Explores the efficacy of neighborhood watch, target hardening and opportunity education programs and the potential problem areas. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

CRJ 198 The Police Service (3) 3,0
This course is an introduction to the aspects of policing as a functional component of the criminal justice system. The primary emphasis is to introduce students to the historical developments of the police process and the problems involved with the functions of policing in American society. Topics will include the rights and responsibilities of the uniformed officer; manpower distribution theories; police personnel issues of unionism, educational and training requirements, other personnel problems, ethics, and corruption, community relations, including problem oriented policing; the police subculture as a distinct value system; an analysis of the relationship between police agencies and their communities; and an introduction to administrative theory. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: CRJ 101 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

CRJ 199 Community Based Policing (3) 3,0
This course will provide students with the overall intent of community involvement in the protection of the community, and also expose students to innovative approaches to resolving local problems in law enforcement. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Effective Summer 2024 Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in CRJ 101. Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in CRJ 101 and CRJ 198 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

CRJ 200 Police Operations (3) 2,2
This course studies the history and development of traffic and pedestrian law, and laws affecting attacks on police officers. It will examine the operations of patrol including accident investigation, and will include domestic violence, crimes in progress, felony stops, hostages, and incidents involving fire and hazardous materials, and courtroom testimony. It will also examine public misconduct, preventative patrol, and emergency vehicle operations. Special tactics, ethics, psychological dynamics involving interaction with a culturally diverse public, including juveniles will also be addressed. Students will participate in case studies, skills exercises, simulation, and report writing. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

CRJ 201 Crisis and Conflict Mediation (3) 3,0
This course presents the social and psychological factors found in crisis situations such as family violence, homicide, chemical and sexual abuse, suicide, physical illnesses, injuries, and various forms of interpersonal conflicts and violence. Students will develop strategies for effective assessment, intervention, and follow-up of these situations. The course also covers victimology, including the rights of victims, witnesses, and the responsibility of the helping professional. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: CRJ 101 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

CRJ 205 Criminal Law (3) 3,0
This course will include a study of social and historical origins and of criminal law. The course will also cover the elements necessary to establish criminal violations and judicial sanctions, and the contemporary societal purposes and functions of the criminal law, using such examples and perspectives as common law, precedent, the Model Penal Code, and Illinois state statutes. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: CRJ 101 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall

CRJ 215 Criminal Procedure (3) 3,0
This course covers constitutional and statutory guidelines for arrest, detention, use of force, search and seizure, warrant requirements, lineups and identification procedures, confessions, admissions, and interrogations. Emphasis is on the procedural considerations affecting law enforcement actions as restricted by constitutional amendments, statutes, and judicial precedent. It will include criminal procedures of Illinois, in addition to the general procedural guidelines for the administration of criminal law. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: CRJ 205
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

CRJ 220 Criminalistics (3) 3,0
This course covers all aspects of crime scene processing and evidence preservation and collection. The study of this will include processing the crime scene for trace evidence, examining and evaluating physical evidence, and laboratory procedures. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

CRJ 225 Criminal Investigation (3) 3,0
This course will cover the fundamentals and procedures of investigation; applications of deductive and inductive reasoning to the investigative process; the collection, marking, and preservation of evidence; and the techniques and procedures of the follow-up investigation. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Spring

CRJ 230 Criminology (3) 3,0
Nature of adult and juvenile crime with historic and conventional theories of causation. Interrelationship of punishment to solution and correction. A thorough study is made of the classes of crime, types of criminals, and procedures utilized in rehabilitating criminals. The various measures employed in deterring crime are also an integral part of this course. (1.1) IAI Major: CRJ 912 Proficiency Credit Not Available Pass/No Credit Not Available NOTE: This course is offered concurrently as SOC 230. The student must decide whether to earn credits in Criminal Justice (CRJ) or Sociology (SOC) prior to enrolling.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None Recommended: SOC 100
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

CRJ 231 Juvenile Justice (3) 3,0
An overview of the nature, extent, causes and control of juvenile delinquency. It will include the nature of the juvenile justice system and the processing of juveniles, including the historical development and the differences from the criminal system. The course will also include a study of the Illinois Juvenile Justice statutes. (1.2) IAI Major: CRJ914 Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in CRJ 101
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer

CRJ 235 Issues in Criminal Justice (.5-3) .5
(.5-3, 0-6) Discussion and analysis of specific topics in criminal justice. Focus of the class will be on issues of police, courts, corrections or security in contemporary American society. Emphasis on promoting dialogue between students and practitioners from different areas of the criminal justice system. This course is repeatable 3 times. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available (2 FET) Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $67.5 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: None
Semester(s) Offered: Varies

CRJ 270 Criminal Justice Org and Mgt (3) 3,0
This course is designed to acquaint the student with basic management and leadership theories as they pertain to criminal justice administration. Included will be, principles of management and bureaucracy, organizational structure, and hierarchy; selection, training, supervision, and discipline of personnel; ethics; collective bargaining; planning; budgeting, auxiliary and staff functions. (1.1) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Not Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Grade of C or better in CRJ 198 or CRJ 199 and CRJ 110 or consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall and Spring

CRJ 290 Criminal Justice Seminar & Practicum (3) 1,10
The acquisition of practical related experience through the application of classroom theories in actual criminal justice agencies under the supervision of faculty and agency staff. This off campus fieldbased course will provide broad exposure to the operating components of the criminal justice system. Students will be required to attend seminars, work 10 hours per week in the field, submit reports and keep a task log. (1.2) Proficiency Credit Available Pass/No Credit Available.
In-District Tuition/Fees: $405 (effective 2024/25 academic year)
In-district tuition rates are subject to change based on Board approval.
Prerequisite: Consent of instructor
Semester(s) Offered: Fall, Spring and Summer