

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice - Associate in Science (AS) program (<https://catalog.ccri.edu/programs-study/criminal-justice/assoc/criminal-justice-as/>) provides students with a comprehensive foundation in the criminal justice system, preparing them for a variety of careers in law enforcement, advocacy, corrections, and other related fields. This program emphasizes the study of crime, law enforcement, legal procedures, and the ethical and social issues that shape criminal justice policies and practices.

Students will engage in coursework that explores criminal law, the structure and function of the criminal justice system, criminal investigation, and the psychological and sociological factors influencing crime. The program also incorporates practical skills in communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving, which are essential for success in the field.

Graduates of the AS in Criminal Justice program will be well-prepared for entry-level positions in various sectors of the criminal justice system or can transfer to a four-year institution to pursue a bachelor's degree in criminal justice or a related field.

Associate Degree Programs

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Criminal Justice (CJUS)

CJUS 1000 - Policing in Contemporary America^ (3 Credits)

This course introduces students to law enforcement institutions that form an integral part of the contemporary society. Topics include police use of discretion, serving diverse communities, ethical and moral dilemmas confronting police, community policing, and understanding the subculture that exists in this unique profession.

Lecture: 3 hours

CJUS 1010 - Exploring Criminal Justice^ (3 Credits)

Students will explore the many educational and career opportunities in criminal justice by engaging with industry professionals to experience firsthand what is essential to be successful in these ever-evolving career pathways.

Lecture: 3 hours

CJUS 1020 - Criminal Procedure^ (3 Credits)

This course presents an overview of the criminal justice system. Students will examine the Constitutional Amendments and their effect on society, police, and the judicial system. Topics include arrests, warrants, pre-trial detention, arraignment, and bail, as well as an examination of the various roles of those working within the criminal justice system.

Lecture: 3 hours

CJUS 2020 - The Science of Solving Crimes (4 Credits)

Students will actively identify, compare, and process evidence from crime scene to crime lab. This course allows students to gather and preserve physical evidence, as well as apply scientific techniques used in connection with the detection and determination of crime. Topics include ballistics, chromatography, blood spatter analysis, fingerprinting, trace evidence, and DNA extraction.

Lecture: 3 hours, Lab: 2 hours

Course completes the following requirements:

Critical Thinking

Scientific Reasoning

Lab Science Requirement

Mathematics and Science

URI/RIC Transfer General Education Transfer Opportunity: Yes