

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Degrees and Certificates

Criminal Justice, Associate in Science

The Criminal Justice curriculum is dedicated to providing the theoretical, practical and professional knowledge needed in today's environment to be successful in the fields of policing, corrections, courts, probation, parole, private security and related service careers. Emphasis is placed on preparing the student for the professional workplace or continued studies in a four-year institution. The curriculum is designed to provide the student with expert instruction on the most current trends, policies and practices in the field.

Graduates of a New Jersey police academy may be eligible for up to 16 credits toward the Criminal Justice, Associate in Science degree.

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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Describe the criminal justice system and the role of each agency within the system;
- Demonstrate sensitivity for the problems of people in today's complex, changing society, including empathy for social justice and equity issues;
- Employ critical thinking skills in problem-solving, including consideration of alternative solutions in the field;
- Articulate the moral and ethical obligations and responsibilities of the criminal justice system.

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General Education Courses

When a course is not specified, refer to the list of approved General Education courses.

Communication

Course #	Title	Credits
ENGL101	Composition I	3
ENGL102	Composition II	3

Mathematics-Science-Technology

Course #	Title	Credits
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
	General Education Science Course (4 credits)	4
	General Education Mathematics Course (4 credits)	4

Social Science

Course #	Title	Credits
PSYC101	General Psychology	3
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3

Humanities

Course #	Title	Credits
	General Education Humanities Course (3 credits)	3

General Education Elective

*See Technological Competency

Course #	Title	Credits
	General Education Course (3 credits)	3

Program Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM109	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRIM130	The Criminal Court System	3
CRIM201	Criminal Law	3
CRIM202	Constitutional Law	3
SOCL/CRIM206	Juvenile Justice	3

Program Electives

Select a Track from the options below OR choose a minimum of 12 credits from these choices:

Course #	Title	Credits
AVIT140	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operation-Multi-Rotor	3
COMM110	Interpersonal Communication	3
CRIM102	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM105	Police Operations	3
CRIM106	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRIM107	Introduction to Cyber Crime	3
GIST/CRIM170	Concepts in Terrorism & Homeland Security	3
CRIM190	Special Topics in Criminal Justice	3
CRIM/CISM262	Mobile Forensics Investigations	4
CRIM203	Criminal Investigation	3
CRIM210	Community-Based Corrections	3
CRIM214	Organized Crime	3
CRIM216	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CRIM/CISM240	Computer Forensics	4
CRIM250	Internship in Criminal Justice	4
FIRS101	Introduction to Firefighting	3
FIRS102	Introduction to Fire Protection	3
FIRS103	Fire Prevention/Fire Inspector I	3
FIRS201	Firefighting Strategy and Tactics	3

Technological Competency: 0-4 Credits

(Is fulfilled with CISM125 or CISM132, which may be taken as a General Education Elective, testing or reviewed departmental portfolio)

Program Elective Tracks

Corrections Track

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM102	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRIM106	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRIM210	Community-Based Corrections	3
	Program Elective Course (3 credits)	3

Fire Safety Track

Course #	Title	Credits
FIRS101	Introduction to Firefighting	3
FIRS102	Introduction to Fire Protection	3
FIRS103	Fire Prevention/Fire Inspector I	3
FIRS201	Firefighting Strategy and Tactics	3

Homeland Security Track

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM107	Introduction to Cyber Crime	3
AVIT140	Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operation-Multi-Rotor	3
GIST/CRIM170	Concepts in Terrorism & Homeland Security	3
	Program Elective Course (3 credits)	3

Law Enforcement Technologies Track

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: CRIM190 or AVIT140 (3 credits)	3
CRIM/CISM240	Computer Forensics	4
CRIM/CISM262	Mobile Forensics Investigations	4
	Program Elective Course (3 credits)	3

Policing Track

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM105	Police Operations	3
CRIM203	Criminal Investigation	3
CRIM214	Organized Crime	3
	Program Elective Course (3 credits)	3
	Total Credits	60

Recommended Sequence of Courses

First Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
ENGL101	Composition I	3
PSYC101	General Psychology	3
	General Education Humanities Course (3 credits)	3
	General Education Course (3 credits)	3

Second Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM130	The Criminal Court System	3
CRIM201	Criminal Law	3
ENGL102	Composition II	3
CRIM109	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
SOCL101	Principles of Sociology	3

Third Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
CRIM202	Constitutional Law	3
MATH220	Statistical Methods	4
SOCL/CRIM206	Juvenile Justice	3
	Track Course or Program Elective (3 Credits)	3
	Track Course or Program Elective (3 Credits)	3

Fourth Semester

Course #	Title	Credits
	General Education Science Course (4 credits)	4
	General Education Mathematics Course (4 credits)	4
	Track Course or Program Elective (3 Credits)	3
	Track Course or Program Elective (3 Credits)	3

Criminal Justice, Certificate

The Criminal Justice Certificate provides students with the basics of the United States criminal justice system including juvenile crime, criminal behavior and policing. Students can enroll in the certificate by itself or along with the associate degree in Criminal Justice. A certificate in criminal justice, as a supplement to another degree program, can set students apart from others who are seeking employment in the criminal justice field. For individuals already working in criminal justice, this certificate is an effective way to establish credentials. Completing this program also provides many benefits for students who work in other fields.

Employers in many lines of business, including information technology, education, or social services, may value the professional expertise and personal determination this certificate demonstrates.

Many of the courses in this program are offered at all three Atlantic Cape campus locations. Additionally, for the busy professional, this certificate can be completed 100% online.

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Upon completion of this program students will be able to:

- Summarize the importance of ethics, social responsibility, honesty and accuracy in business reporting;
- State basic criminal justice principles effectively in written, oral and technology based applications;
- Identify the impact of government in the roles assigned to the criminal justice system.

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CRIM216	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3

Program Elective

Course #	Title	Credits
	Choose: CRIM course (3 credits)	3
	Total Credits	30

Criminal Justice Courses

CISM/CRIM240 : Computer Forensics

Introduces students to computer forensics and the various skills needed to collect and analyze digital evidence for various uses. This course focuses on the use of the most popular forensics tools and provides specific guidance on dealing with civil and criminal matters related to the law and technology. (May not be offered every semester. Check with advisor for scheduling info)

Credits 4

Lecture Hours 4

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisites

CISM125 or departmental exam

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Credits 4

Lecture Hours 4

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisites

CISM125 or departmental exam

CRIM/CISM262 : Mobile Forensics Investigations

This course will familiarize students with mobile devices and technology used by carriers, and analyze the legal implications of using such devices as evidence in a court of law. Students will identify data that can be retrieved from mobile devices such as cellular phones, smartphones and GPS devices. Recovered and analyzed data will include address books, call logs, text messages, video and audio files and internet history. Students will correlate data with records from network service providers. Students will apply industry-recognized best practices to evidence collection and analysis with using current technology.

Credits 4

Lecture Hours 4

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisite Courses

CISM125: Introduction to Computers

CRIM/GIST170 : Concepts in Terrorism & Homeland Security

Introduces students to terrorism and terrorist organizations, as well as the practices, policies and issues relevant to the security of the United States that terrorism presents. Examines federal, state and local governmental agencies that form the apparatus which provides for homeland security in the United States and their responsibilities regarding natural disasters, terrorism and other man-made catastrophes. Provides a broad-based overview of technologies, including Geographic Information Systems (GIS), used in the analysis and decision-making processes employed by our homeland security apparatus.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM/SOCL206 : Juvenile Justice

Theoretical and applied concepts of prevention, treatment, and control of juvenile delinquency and recent legislative and philosophical decisions.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisites

For CRIM206 the prerequisite is CRIM101 or PSYC101.

For SOCL206 the prerequisite is PSYC101 or SOCL101.

CRIM101 : Introduction to Criminal Justice

History, development and philosophy of law enforcement in democratic society. Introduction to agencies involved in the administration of criminal justice career orientation.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM102 : Introduction to Criminology

Introduction to deviant behavior and current criminological theories. Emphasis on synthesis and police applications, crime prevention and phenomena of crime.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM105 : Police Operations

Intense study of the roles and functions of American police departments and their evolution in society. A thorough examination is made of police organizations, their philosophies, operations, management and related concepts and techniques. Also emphasized will be issues of police culture, ethics and civil liability and how they affect services provided to the public.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM106 : Introduction to Corrections

History of corrections, types of inmate control and treatment, the offender in the community, re-entry problems, corrections as part of the criminal justice system and problems in administration.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM107 : Introduction to Cyber Crime

An overview of the legal and practical issues, theories and methods utilized in the investigation of a Cyber Crime. The basic concepts of Cyber Crime are introduced including the types of crimes, the elements and methods of commission, the technologies necessary for the commission, and the legal and investigative issues.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisites

CISM125 and CRIM101

CRIM109 : Ethics in Criminal Justice

This course introduces the types of ethical dilemmas that criminal justice students will face in their professional careers. The course examines the nature of human behavior in relation to ethical theories and systems. Examines the various

ethical systems used to guide decision making by criminal justice professionals and their application to current ethical issues facing these professionals, and discusses the concepts of Law and Justice in relation to ethics. Basic problems and applications of ethics and how they relate to social and individual issues involved in the criminal justice system will be examined.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM112 : Criminalistics

This course is designed for students who are pursuing a career in Criminal Justice. It introduces the basic concepts employed in the scientific processing of physical evidence collected from crime scenes and used in a contemporary forensic crime laboratory. Simulated crime scenes and case students will be explored. Laboratory and experiment sessions will emphasize current forensic procedure.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 1

CRIM130 : The Criminal Court System

This course will provide an overview of the criminal court system and process in the U.S., tracing its development from the early beginnings to the present day operation. It will discuss the key personnel functioning daily within a courtroom including, a judge, prosecutor, defense attorney, victims, etc. The criminal judicial process, courtroom proceedings, court rulings, and rules of evidence are also addressed.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM190 : Special Topics in Criminal Justice

This course is designed to offer an in depth examination of emerging topics in the criminal justice field not otherwise covered in the curriculum. Topics will be offered periodically based on the recognized needs of the field. Topics will include crime analysis, victimology, and emerging issues and technologies.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM201 : Criminal Law

Study of local, state and federal criminal laws including their classification, nature, evolution and development. Both statutory and common law are explored as well as topics of the adversary system, such as principles of justification and excuse, laws of arrest, and the laws of search and seizure. Special attention is given to the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisite Courses

CRIM101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRIM202 : Constitutional Law

Study of procedural law focusing on the effect of decisions by the United States Supreme Court in establishing ethical criminal justice procedures.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisite Courses

CRIM101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRIM203 : Criminal Investigation

Exploration and analysis of modern criminal investigative theories and procedures. Directing criminal investigation for maximum effectiveness with attention to the justice system criteria for evidence submission and testimony in criminal proceedings.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM210 : Community-Based Corrections

Focuses on the community-based aspect of the correctional system. Strategies of supervision used in probation and parole and theories underlying these strategies and evaluative methods of assessing the impact of these strategies are highlighted. Particular emphasis is given to the role of the helping relationship in the probation/parole agency setting. (May not be offered every semester. Check with advisor for scheduling info)

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM212 : Trial Advocacy

Increases comprehension of the historical, ethical and philosophical basis of the American legal system. Each student will have the opportunity to participate in an actual trial preparation and presentation. This course will demystify the operations of the law, court procedures, and the legal system. (May not be offered every semester. Check with advisor for scheduling info)

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisite Courses

CRIM101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

Prerequisites

CRIM101 with a grade of C or better.

CRIM214 : Organized Crime

A foundation course in systematic criminality, which examines those criminal organizations whose method of operation includes fear, violence and corruption to achieve strategic and tactical goals. The course investigates these highly structured, perpetual organizations as well as law enforcement responses to them.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

CRIM216 : Criminal Justice Report Writing

An intensive course focused on the skills involved with note taking, interviewing and information gathering, which prepares students for the technical requirements of report preparation utilized by criminal justice professionals. Particular emphasis will be placed on the development of technical skills required of law enforcement officers, security personnel, corrections officers, probation officers, forensic personnel, and scientific personnel required to produce a high quality report.

Credits 3

Lecture Hours 3

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 0

Prerequisites

ENGL102 with a grade of C or better

CRIM250 : Internship in Criminal Justice

Designed to give students the opportunity to apply formal education to an actual work situation in the criminal justice field under the supervision of the course instructor and the sponsoring Agency/Entity supervisor. In addition to the 135-hour field experience, students attend classroom sessions on a schedule determined by the course instructor.

Credits 4

Lecture Hours 1

Lab/Clinical/Field Study Hours 9

Prerequisite Courses

CRIM101: Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRIM201: Criminal Law

CRIM202: Constitutional Law