

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS)

## Description

Criminal justice is a growing profession in Oregon and is expected to grow faster than the labor market on average into the foreseeable future. Job openings may call for a high school diploma, an associate degree, or a bachelor's degree. The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice prepares students to begin a career upon graduation.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the degree, students will be able to:

1. Express a thorough knowledge of the criminal justice system, including police, courts, and corrections.
2. Identify the characteristics of professional integrity and ethical standards for criminal justice professionals.
3. Describe and relate the constitutional rights and responsibilities of citizens, offenders and victims as they apply to state, federal, and procedural laws.
4. Identify legal and moral responsibilities of criminal justice professionals as they relate to cultural diversity and establishing positive community relationships.
5. Apply sociological and psychological theories to better understand criminal behavior.

## Entrance Requirements

While this degree has no formal entrance requirements, individual courses may have prerequisites which must be met before enrollment.

## Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Support Courses</b>		
Choose one course from the following: <sup>1</sup>		3-4
<u>Computation:</u>		
<u>Mathematics:</u>		
COMM 218Z	Interpersonal Communication	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Core Courses</b>		
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminology	4
CJ 120	American Courts: Exploring Courtrooms, Trials, and Landmark Cases	3
CJ 153	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 201	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
CJ 243	Drugs and Crime in Society	3
CJ 253	Corrections	4
CJ 280	Co-op Work Experience Criminal Justice	2
CJ Electives		15-18
Choose from: CJ 110, CJ 123, CJ 199, CJ 203, CJ 204, CJ 207, CJ 210, CJ 211, CJ 214, CJ 220, CJ 222, CJ 230, CJ 234, CJ 280A, CJ 280B		
<b>Other Required Courses</b>		
ED 265	Children at Risk	3
Discipline Studies Social Science (no CJ prefix)		4

Discipline Studies (no CJ prefix)	3-5	
Health (3-4 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix) <sup>2</sup>	3-4	
Recommend: HHP 252A, HHP 242, HHP 258, HHP 266, HHP 295, PHE 231.		
PSY 233	Psychology of Violence & Aggression	4
SOC 204Z	Introduction to Sociology	4
Two Additional Psychology Courses		8
General Electives: Choose enough credits to reach degree minimum 92 credits. <sup>3</sup>		12
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>92-99</b>

<sup>1</sup> Choose one course from either the [related instruction computation list](#) or the [foundational requirements mathematics list](#).

<sup>2</sup> HHPA activity courses (1 credit each) are not to be duplicated.

<sup>3</sup> Any class from the Discipline Studies list or any 100-level or higher class from the following subject areas, or with approval from the CJ program director:

- Addiction Counseling and Behavioral Health (BH prefix)
- ART 161 Photography: Darkroom Basics, ART 265 Photography: Digital Basics
- Computer and Information Systems
- Criminal Justice
- Emergency Medical Services (EMT)
- World Languages
- Geographic Information Systems
- Health and Human Performance (no repeats of activity courses)
- Communication
- Study Skills (HD prefix)

## Advising Notes

This degree is designed for students planning to enter their chosen career upon graduation. Often only selected credits are considered transferrable to public or private baccalaureate institutions.

## Performance Standards

- Academic Requirements:

- Students must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to earn a COCC certificate or degree.

- All courses in the program must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

## Sample Plan

First Term		Credits
Choose one course from the following:		3-4
<u>Computation:</u>		
<u>Mathematics:</u>		
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminology	4
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14-15</b>

**Second Term**

CJ 120	American Courts: Exploring Courtrooms, Trials, and Landmark Cases	3
CJ 153	Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice	3
COMM 218Z	Interpersonal Communication	4
Psychology Course		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>14</b>

**Third Term**

CJ 201	Introduction to Juvenile Justice	3
CJ Elective		3-4
ED 265	Children at Risk	3
General Elective		3-4
Health (3-4 credits with HHP or HHPA prefix)		3-4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>15-18</b>

**Fourth Term**

CJ 243	Drugs and Crime in Society	3
CJ Elective		3-4
Discipline Studies (no CJ prefix)		3-5
General Elective		3-4
SOC 204Z	Introduction to Sociology	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16-20</b>

**Fifth Term**

CJ 253	Corrections	4
CJ Elective		3-4
CJ Elective		3-4
General Elective		3-4
PSY 233	Psychology of Violence & Aggression	4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>17-20</b>

**Sixth Term**

CJ 280	Co-op Work Experience Criminal Justice	2
CJ Elective		3-4
Discipline Studies Social Science (no CJ prefix)		4
General Elective		3
Psychology Course		4
<b>Credits</b>		<b>16-17</b>
<b>Total Credits</b>		<b>92-104</b>