

Area of Study: Human and Public Services
Pathway: Criminal Justice Administration
Degree type: Associate in Arts
Curriculum Code: CJA.CJA.AA (U224A43)

(Total Program Credits: 60)

Concentration of courses that prepares students interested in transferring to a four-year school for a bachelor’s degree in Criminal or Social Justice. The courses also provide a background for students interested in law, law enforcement, juvenile work, probation services, parole services, work release or half-way house counseling.

PROGRAM LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of the Associate in Arts Degree (Criminal Justice Administration) emphasis, the graduate will be able to:

- demonstrate the fundamental concepts regarding the operation of the American criminal justice system;
- identify the fundamental elements of law and how they apply to the judicial process;
- discuss the procedures that must be followed for the enforcement of law, the processing of an individual through the court system, and the treatment of offenders within the correctional system;
- differentiate between the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems;
- apply historical and modern-day theories to explain criminal behavior; and
- develop skills for critical thinking and professional writing.

(Fall 2021)

Placement Measures MAT, RHT, and COL sequence placement will be determined by an Academic Advisor. Contact your Academic Advisor before registering for courses.

Developmental education courses do not transfer. They assist students in the path towards college credit.

Program Map for Full-Time Students

Semester One: Fall	Category	Next Steps
RHT 101 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition I (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to create an academic plan. Explore transfer institutions and admissions requirements by attending transfer events .
MAT 170 Elementary Statistics (4) or ECO 170 Statistics for Business and Economics (3) or MAT 102 Liberal Arts Mathematics (3)	<i>Mathematics</i>	
CJA 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)	<i>Program Elective</i>	
SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology (3)	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
PHL 103 Ethics (3) or PHL 105 World Religions (3)	<i>Humanities</i>	
15-16 Credit Hours		

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

Semester Two: Spring	Category	Next Steps
RHT 102 Freshman Rhetoric & Composition II (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan. Create a Transferology account to explore how coursework transfers. Attend a Transfer 101 Workshop .
SSC 190 Contemporary Society (3)	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
<i>Fine Arts Elective (3)</i>	<i>Fine Arts</i>	
CJA 121 Introduction to Corrections (3)	<i>Program Elective</i>	
<i>Physical Science Elective (3-5)</i>	<i>Physical Science</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Note: Grade of “C” or higher is an IAI requirement for RHT 101 and RHT 102.

Semester Three: Fall	Category	Next Steps
SPE 101 Principles of Effective Speaking (3)	<i>Communication</i>	Meet with your Academic Advisor to update your academic and transfer plan.
<i>Life Science Elective (3-5)</i>	<i>Life Science</i>	
<i>Humanities or Fine Arts Elective (3)</i>	<i>Humanities or Fine Arts</i>	Attend a Ready to Apply Workshop . GECC Credential Achieved.
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology (3)	<i>Social and Behavioral Science</i>	
CJA 201 Criminology (3) or CJA 181 Juvenile Delinquency & Law (3)	<i>Program Elective</i>	

15-17 Credit Hours

Semester Four: Spring	Category	Next Steps
		Meet with your Academic Advisor to finalize your transfer plan.
<i>Program Elective (3)</i>	<i>Program Elective</i>	
<i>Program Elective (3)</i>	<i>Program Elective</i>	Submit graduation petition by deadline (check for the specific date in catalog or syllabi.) Apply to your transfer institution(s).
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15 Credit Hours

Program Electives (15)
CJA 148 Police/Community Relations (3) CJA 161 Administration of Justice (3) CJA 219 Criminal Law I (3) CJA 257 Law Enforcement Administration (3) HTH 104 Science of Personal Health (2) HTH 281 First Aid CPR AED (1)

(Select courses that meet the BA requirements of your transfer college.)

Electives: It is recommended that students select a minimum of 20 credits with a counselor from the Criminal Justice Administration area.

Graduation Requirements

General education:

AA degree

Subtotal: 37-40

Criminal Justice courses or other electives for AA degree:

Subtotal: 20-23

General Education requirements by discipline:

- **Communications:** Three courses (nine semester hours).
- **Humanities and Fine Arts:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with at least one course from selected from Humanities and at least one course from the Fine Arts.
- **Social and Behavioral Science:** Three courses (nine semester hours), with courses selected from at least two disciplines.

Graduation from an Illinois college or university requires satisfactory completion of one or more courses incorporating Human Diversity, which may be taken as a Humanities and Fine Arts or Social and Behavioral Science course.

- **Mathematics:** One course (three semester hours).
- **Physical and Life Science:** Two courses (seven to eight semester hours), with one course selected from the Life Sciences and one course from the Physical Sciences, including at least one laboratory course.

Foreign Language encouraged if transferring.

See CJA course descriptions.

See Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration for more information. Also available are certificates in Corrections, Law Enforcement and Private Security.

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