

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Program Overview

Demand is steady for well-qualified professionals in municipal, county, state and federal criminal justice agencies. But those without sufficient educational preparation have difficulty finding employment or advancement opportunities in these agencies.

Criminal justice professionals—public or private—must understand the legal and social issues involved in this work. They must be educated and skilled specialists to be able to cope with the many demands and challenges of today's society.

MCC's two-year program in Criminal Justice, which leads to an Associate in Applied Science degree, helps develop the skills, knowledge and attitude necessary for employment and advancement as a law enforcement officer. The degree also serves as a foundation for associated professions that require advanced study, such as probation, parole, corrections and social services.

### Possible Professional Requirements:

Employment in the criminal justice field typically involves extensive testing and review processes such as written exams; medical requirements; physical tests and standards; random drug testing; background checks; psychological testing; polygraph testing; and oral interviews. The Criminal Justice Program prepares the student to be successful in meeting these requirements for employment.

**The primary purpose of an Associate in Applied Science degree is to prepare students for employment. The AAS degree is not designed specifically for transfer; however, there are opportunities to apply some coursework or the whole degree to a bachelor's degree program. For more information, see an academic advisor and the department chair.**

### Requirements for the Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice

Curriculum: OCC 190	Credit Hours		
<b>General Education Core</b>			
<b>Communications</b> 2 courses	6	(3) ENG 151 Composition I (3) SPE 151 Intro to Speech	
<b>Humanities &amp; Fine Arts</b> 1 course	3	(3) PHI 251 Intro to Ethics	
<b>Mathematics, Physical or Life Sciences</b> 1 course	3	<b>Mathematics</b> <i>Select from the following prefixes or course numbers:</i> MAT (100-level or above)	<b>Sciences</b> <i>Select from the following prefixes or course numbers:</i> BIO CHM EAS (3) GEG 101 Physical Geography (3) GEG 123 Energy in the 21st Century (3) GEG 220 The Global Environment GEL (4) HRT 103 Intro to Plant Science (4) HRT 105 Intro to Soil Science PHY
<b>Social and Behavioral Sciences</b> 1 course	3	(3) PLT 151 United States Government <b>or</b> (3) PLT 155 State & Local Government NOTE: If PLT 155 is selected here, it may not be used for elective.	
<b>Program Core</b>	32	(2) CIS 110 Computer Literacy (3) CJS 101 Intro to Criminal Justice (3) CJS 106 Intro to Corrections (3) CJS 115 Criminal Law (3) CJS 120 Juvenile Delinquency (3) CJS 140 Criminology	(3) CJS 215 Police Community Relations (3) CJS 250 Field Experience in Criminal Justice (3) ENG 152 Composition II (3) PSY 151 Intro to Psychology (3) SOC 151 Intro to Sociology

<b>Please select one of the following options for program emphasis: LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY, CORRECTIONS, SOCIAL SERVICE OR COMPUTER FORENSICS (15 credit hours required)</b>			
<b>Law Enforcement/Security Option</b> 15 credit hours	15	(3) CJS 125 Principles of Criminal Investigation (3) CJS 110 Policing (3) CJS 225 Criminal Justice Management (1-6) CJS 290 Topics in Criminal Justice (3) CJS 275 Criminal Procedure (3) EMS 105 First Responder Emergency Aid (2) FRS 100 Intro to Emergency Services	(3) HFE 251 Drugs in a Contemporary Society (3) PLT 155 State & Local Government (not an option if used for Social Science) (3) SOC 260 Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (3) SPA 101 Occupational Spanish I (3) SPA 102 Occupational Spanish II (3) SPE 155 Interpersonal Communications
<b>Corrections Option</b> 15 credit hours	15	(3) CJS 206 Community Based Corrections (3) CJS 225 Criminal Justice Management (1-6) CJS 290 Topics in Criminal Justice (3) EMS 105 First Responder Emergency Aid (2) FRS 100 Intro to Emergency Services (3) HFE 251 Drugs in a Contemporary Society	(3) PLT 155 State & Local Government (not an option if used for Social Science) (3) PSY 275 Abnormal Psychology (3) SOC 251 Social Problems (3) SOC 260 Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (3) SPA 101 Occupational Spanish I (3) SPA 102 Occupational Spanish II (3) SPE 155 Interpersonal Communications
<b>Social Service Option</b> 15 credit hours	15	(3) CJS 206 Community Based Corrections (1-6) CJS 290 Topics in Criminal Justice (2) FRS 100 Intro to Emergency Services (3) HFE 251 Drugs in a Contemporary Society (3) PSY 251 Child Psychology (3) PSY 265 Social Psychology	(3) SOC 101 Marriage & Family (3) SOC 251 Social Problems (3) SOC 260 Sociology of Race & Ethnicity (3) SPA 101 Occupational Spanish I (3) SPA 102 Occupational Spanish II (3) SPE 155 Interpersonal Communications
<b>Computer Forensics Option</b> 15 credit hours	15	(3) CIS 155 Network Essentials (2) CIS 180 Computer Security Awareness (4) CIS 185 Ethical Hacking	(4) CIS 186 Security + Prep (3) CJS 125 Principles of Criminal Investigation (2) FRS 100 Intro to Emergency Services
<b>Total Degree Credits</b>	62		

**Other AAS Graduation Requirements:**

- 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA at MCC upon completion of program
- 15 semester hours of program-specific coursework taken at MCC
- Completion of Intent to Graduate Form
- Completion of end-of-program assessment as directed by this department

**For more information, contact the department chair: (815) 479-7521.**