

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

Program Description

The Associate of Science degree (Criminal Justice) has been developed with the cooperation and support of Southern Oregon University (SOU). The degree is fully articulated with SOU's Criminology and Criminal Justice program and allows students to transfer directly as juniors as pre-majors in CCJ.

The articulation agreement for this program can be found at: sou.edu/admissions/transfers/tr-artagree.html (<http://sou.edu/admissions/transfers/tr-artagree.html>).

Program Outcomes

Students who successfully complete an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice will:

1. Identify the major steps of the criminal justice process and how a case proceeds through the criminal justice system, including landmark U.S. Supreme court decisions
2. Communicate effectively in the criminal justice system via writing, verbal and non-verbal form
3. Describe how criminal justice professionals work effectively within a diverse society
4. Describe the importance of positive criminal justice interactions, with an emphasis on continuing dialogue between all aspects of the criminal justice system and all segments of the community

Career Considerations

The Criminal Justice program prepares students for entry-level jobs and future careers in the following areas: law enforcement, corrections, and parole and probation.

Program Course Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
First Year		
First Term		
CJ 101	Intro to Criminology	3
CJ 105	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
CJ 110	Intro to Law Enforcement	3
WR 121Z	Composition I	4
Credits		13
Second Term		
CJ 120	Intro to Judicial Process	3
COM 111Z	Public Speaking ⁴	4
MTH 105Z	Math in Society (or higher) ³	4
WR 122Z	Composition II	4
Credits		15
Third Term		
CJ 114	Diversity Issues in CJ ¹	3
CJ 130	Intro to Corrections	3
CJ 230	Intro-Juvenile Justice System ¹	3
PSY 201	General Psychology I	4
SOC 225	Social Aspects of Addiction ¹	3
Credits		16

Second Year

First Term

CJ 243	Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs ¹	3
CJ 261	Intro to Parole and Probation ¹	3
ENG 104	Intro to Literature	4
G 201	General Geology I	4
HS 227	Understanding Dysf Families ¹	3

Credits 17

Second Term

CJ 140	Intro to Criminalistics ¹	3
CJ 211	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 226	Intro to Constitutional Law	3
ENG 106	Intro to Literature-Poetry ⁴	4
G 202	General Geology II ⁴	4

Credits 17

Third Term

ENG 105	Intro to Literature-Drama ⁴	4
CJ 210	Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 240	Criminalistics II ¹	3
G 203	General Geology III ⁴	4

Credits 14

Total Minimum Credits 92

¹ See advisor for prerequisites and full list of electives

² See instructor the term prior, for information on cooperative work experience.

³ MTH105Z or STAT243Z may be taken in term 2.

⁴ Any course from the SOU Transfer Guide from Social Sciences can be taken to meet this requirement. SOU transfer guide can be found at: https://ssb-prod.ec.sou.edu/PROD/SOU_Transfer_Equiv.P_Proc_GenEd_Guide

Advising Notes

- Students must complete a minimum of 90 term credits of lower division collegiate courses with a minimum grade point of 2.0 and a grade of "C" or better in Composition I 121Z and Composition II 122, and the Communication class chosen to meet the Oral Communication requirement.
- Please see your academic advisor for an individualized academic plan.
- VA students, please see academic advisor for individualized academic plan to meet funding requirements.
- A PC with MS Word 2013 or newer is required for completing all work in this program. Working knowledge of MS Word is required.
- The electives which are identified each term are the preferred electives for the program; however, any of the approved electives in this program may be taken at the student's choosing.
- The following courses are recommended to be taken in the summer to reduce course load during the other terms: PSY101, COMM218Z, or COMM111Z.