

Degree: Associate of Arts
Major: Criminal Justice
Division: Business and Technology

Program Code: (030, CJ.AA)

Minimum Ret/Grad GPA2.00

Minimum Total Hours 62-67

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS.....40 HOURS

English Composition - 6 hours

1. ENGL-1113 Freshman Composition I
2. ENGL-1213 Freshman Composition II

U.S. History - 3 hours

1. HIST-1483 Am His 1492-1865 or HIST-1493 Am His 1865-Present

U.S. Government - 3 hours

1. POS-1113 American Federal Government

Biological Science - 4 hours

1. BIO-1114, BOT-1114, or ZOO-1114

Physical Science - 4 hours

1. GPS-1214, CHEM-1115, PHYS-1114, or PHYS-2014

Orientation - 1 hour

1. ORI-1111 Freshman Orientation or ORI-1112 Freshman Orientation

Mathematics - 3 hours

1. MATH-1413 Survey of Contemporary Math³ or higher

Humanities - 6 hours

1. HUM-2113, 2223; ART-1113; DRMA-1213; HIST-1113, 1123; MUS-1113; PHIL-1113, 2123; RLED-1113, 1123, 2113; or ENGL literature
2. HUM-2113, 2223; ART-1113; DRMA-1213; HIST-1113, 1123; MUS-1113; PHIL-1113, 2123; RLED-1113, 1123, 2113; or ENGL literature

Approved Electives - 9 hours

1. CS-1103 Microcomputer Applications
2. HPER Elective: any HPER course, except activity courses¹
3. Elective: PSY, HIST, POS, SOC, ECON, GEOG, SPAN, CHER, CHOC, ART, MUS, DRMA, HUM, PHIL, RLED, SPCH, or ENGL literature

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS.....22-27 HOURS

Required Courses in Major - 16 hours

1. CJ-1113 Introduction to Criminal Justice
2. CJ-1123 Criminal Law for Law Enforcement
3. CJ-2023 Criminal Procedure
4. CJ-2123 Criminal Justice Community Relations²
5. CJ-2224 Criminal Investigation²

Elective Courses in Major - 6 hours (Select one or more per Advisor¹)

1. CJ-1103 Introduction to Corrections
2. CJ-1233 Criminology
3. CJ-2133 Patrol Operations²
4. CJ-2253 Police Traffic Studies²
5. CJ-2140 Selected Topics in Criminal Justice¹
6. Cooperative Education (8 hours max)

Notation:

¹ Students entering Collegiate Officer Program (COP) are required to complete HPER-2213 and CJ-2140 Selected Topics. CJ-2140 is an additional program stipulation that highlights skills required to obtain CLEET (Council on Law Enforcement Education & Training) license as a Police Officer, such as firearms and custody control.

² Equivalent credit may be awarded to currently enrolled CASC students who are in pursuit of this CJ.AA degree and verified by CLEET (Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training) as a "Certified FULL-TIME Law Enforcement Officer".

³ MATH-1413 is Math Pathways requirement. However, student should consider the math requirement of the transfer institution.

Semester by Semester Degree Plan**Criminal Justice, AA (030, CJ.AA)**

Students are required to complete General Education and Major Requirement courses leading to this degree. Students who complete this associate's degree are prepared to transfer and continue their education at a four-year college/university. Students should consult with their academic advisor and refer to the 4-semester by semester program planning guide to understand course sequencing.

Course Number – Course Description	Hours
Freshman Year 1st Semester – Fall	
☐ ORI-1111 Freshman Orientation or ORI-1112 Freshman Orientation	1
☐ ENGL-1113 Freshman Composition I	3
☐ POS-1113 American Federal Government	3
☐ MATH-1413 Survey of Contemporary Mathematics ¹	3
☐ CS-1103 Microcomputer Applications	3
☐ CJ-1113 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
Total:	16
Freshman Year 2nd Semester – Spring	
☐ ENGL-1213 Freshman Composition II	3
☐ Biological Science - (BIO, BOT, OR ZOO)	4
☐ CJ-1123 Criminal Law	3
☐ HPER-2213 Standard First Aid and Personal Safety ¹	3
☐ Elective in General Education (see below)	3
Total:	16
Sophomore Year 1st Semester – Fall	
☐ Physical Science - (CHEM, GPS, OR PHYS)	4
☐ CJ-2023 Criminal Procedure	3
☐ HIST-1483 or 1493 American History	3
☐ Humanities (ART, ENGL, HUM, MUS, PHIL, OR RLED)	3
☐ CJ-2123 Criminal Justice Community Relations	3
Total:	16
Sophomore Year 2nd Semester – Spring	
☐ Humanities (ART, ENGL, HUM, MUS, PHIL, OR RLED)	3
☐ CJ-2133 Patrol Operation	3
☐ CJ-2253 Traffic Studies	3
☐ CJ-2224 Criminal Investigation	4
☐ Elective in General Education (see below)	3
Total:	15
²Sophomore Year 3rd Semester – Summer (Optional: COP Program students)	
☐ CJ-2140 ¹	3
Total:	3

Graduation Requirements: Minimum 62-67 cr-hrs, 2.00 Ret/Grad GPA, 15 Resident cr-hrs

Total Hours: 62-67

Note: ¹**MATH-1413** is Math Pathways requirement. However, student should consider the math requirement of the transfer institution.

Note: ²**Collegiate Officer Program (COP):** Students entering COP must complete HPER-2213 and CJ-2140, which is an additional summer interim course (after end of Sophomore year) required to complete for COP and CLEET certification.

Note: Students should select appropriate General Education Electives and Electives appropriate to major and interest. CASC Course disciplines include: PSY, HIST, POS, SOC, ECON, GEOG, SPAN, CHER, CHOC, ART, MUS, DRMA, HUM, PHIL, RLED, SPCH, ENGL (literature). Students should complete a 15 - 16 cr-hrs per semester to graduate in two years.

How to Use this "Semester by Semester Degree Plan": Courses are listed in the order they should be taken and in what term the course should be taken. Enrollment into developmental courses will add to the total credit hour count, and may alter English, math and science enrollment rotations. Students should use this as a guide in pre-enrollment, study the Course Schedule and visit with an academic advisor.

Estimated Program Cost: Students can complete this degree in four semesters (15-16 per semester).

The estimated cost of this program is approximated at: 62 credit-hours x \$146.00 per credit hour = \$ 9,052.00 (Please know that this cost does not include textbooks, supplies, developmental coursework, and other expenses, and is designed as an ESTIMATE only).

Actual program cost is based on Fall 2026 in-state tuition amounts and final costs will vary from this estimate.