

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)\*

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## Degree Quick Facts

- **Instructional School:** Social Sciences and Public Affairs
- **Department:** Public Safety
- **Program Code:** CRIJ.AA
- **Program Type:** Academic Transfer
- **Available Fully Online:** Yes
- **Eligible for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

NOTE: Courses required for this program *may* have an additional fee; more information can be found on the [Special Course Fees](#) web page.

## Degree Requirements

Course	Course Title	Min Credits
<b>General Education Requirements</b>		
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
CRIJ 280	Victimology (Global Perspectives)	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
<u>GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing course</u>		3
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> <sup>1</sup>		4
<u>GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing course</u> <sup>2</sup>		3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GEM 5) <sup>3</sup>	3
<u>GEM 5 - Humanistic &amp; Artistic Ways of Knowing course</u> <sup>2</sup>		3
Select one of the following (GEM 6):		3
PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 140	Human Relations for Career and Personal Success	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 102	Social Problems	
<u>GEM 6 - Social &amp; Behavioral Ways of Knowing course</u> <sup>2</sup>		3
<b>Major Requirements</b>		
CRIJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 102	Introduction to Policing	3
CRIJ 103	Introduction to Law and Justice	3
CRIJ 104	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRIJ 190	Writing for Criminal Justice	3
or PSYC 190	Writing for the Social Sciences	
CRIJ 270	Criminology	3
CRIJ 290	Criminal Justice Capstone	3
or CRIJ 293	Criminal Justice Internship	
Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60, if needed		2
<b>Minimum Credit Hours Required</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> Must include a lab component

<sup>2</sup> Course must come from a different discipline.

<sup>3</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

*\*All requirements for this degree or certificate may be completed fully online.*

## Degree Plan

The course sequence listed below is strongly recommended in order to complete your program requirements. Please register for each semester as shown using the Student Planning tool in myCWI. Plans may be modified to fit the needs of part-time students by adding additional semesters. Consult your advisor for any questions regarding this course sequence plan.

### First Year

Fall		Credit Hours
COMM 101	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (GEM 2)	3
CRIJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CWI 101	Connecting With Ideas	3
ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric I (GEM 1)	3
MATH 123 or MATH 143	Math in Modern Society (Recommended GEM 3) <sup>1,2</sup> or Precalculus I: Algebra	3
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

### Spring

Select one of the following options (Recommended GEM 4): <sup>2</sup> 4

#### Option 1:

BIOL 100	Concepts of Biology	
BIOL 100L	Concepts of Biology Lab	

#### Option 2:

CHEM 100	Concepts of Chemistry	
CHEM 100L	Concepts of Chemistry Lab	
CRIJ 103	Introduction to Law and Justice	3
ENGL 102	Writing and Rhetoric II (GEM 1)	3
HIST 103 or SPAN 101	Western Civilization I (Recommended GEM 5) <sup>2</sup> or Elementary Spanish I	3-4

Select one of the following (GEM 6): 3

PSYC 101	Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 140	Human Relations for Career and Personal Success	
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 102	Social Problems	

**Total Semester Credit Hours 16**

### Second Year

Fall		
CRIJ 102	Introduction to Policing	3
CRIJ 104	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRIJ 190 or PSYC 190	Writing for Criminal Justice or Writing for the Social Sciences	3
CRIJ 270	Criminology	3
GEOG 100	Physical Geography (Recommended GEM 4) <sup>2</sup>	3
GEOG 100L	Physical Geography Lab (Recommended GEM 4) <sup>2</sup>	1
<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>		<b>16</b>

### Spring

CRIJ 280	Victimology (Global Perspectives)	3
CRIJ 290 or CRIJ 293	Criminal Justice Capstone or Criminal Justice Internship	1-3
PHIL 103	Introduction to Ethics (GEM 5) <sup>3</sup>	3
POLS 101 or PSYC 250	American National Government (Recommended GEM 6) <sup>2</sup> or Fundamentals of Social Science Research	3-4

Electives	Select elective credits to bring the total credits earned to a minimum of 60, if needed	0-3
Total Semester Credit Hours		13
Minimum Credit Hours Required		60

- <sup>1</sup> Criminal Justice majors are encouraged to start taking math and science classes immediately rather than waiting, and to take the Math Diagnostic for math placement upon acceptance to CWI if they did not submit ACT or SAT scores for math placement. The Math Diagnostic will inform the student if a review course such as MATH 097, MATH 098, or MATH 099 is needed prior to enrolling in their chosen GEM 3 course.
- <sup>2</sup> This general education (GE) course is recommended by the department as the most beneficial GE option for students in this program. **Please note that students may fulfill their GE requirement by completing another course from the applicable general education category.**
- <sup>3</sup> This course fulfills the Ethical Reasoning requirement for an associate degree from CWI.

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Demonstrate familiarity with major concepts and theories, empirical findings, and/or historical trends in criminal justice.
- Examine Supreme Court cases and understand how these cases set precedent.
- Understand how a case proceeds through the criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate the understanding or application of the criminal justice system via written communication.
- Participate in meaningful discussions about the criminal justice system and related issues.
- Learn from professionals in the criminal justice field through guest speakers, personal interviews, field trips, or job shadows.
- Connect with the criminal justice field through court observations, interviews, ride-alongs, etc.
- Apply an understanding of criminal justice to real-world problems.