

ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE (AA)

The Associate of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice provides a broad overview of the criminal justice system, its subsystems, and the roles of the participants therein. It provides a comprehensive overview of criminal law and procedure, law enforcement ethics, and criminology. Students will choose additional elective credits in corrections, juvenile justice, forensics and other interdisciplinary topics. This degree may be used for transfer to a four-year academic institution or may serve as a qualification for public safety or social service positions.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES - Graduates of this program will have the opportunity to:

- Explain the history and nature of the major components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.
- Outline the basis of decision-making in the criminal justice process and important constitutional issues.
- Differentiate criminal law from other forms of law.
- Analyze the overall problem of crime in the United States, including different types of crimes, and identify current issues related to criminal prosecution and rehabilitation of offenders.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills applicable in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, or criminal law.

Courses with “H” suffixes are designated Honors level courses and can be used to fulfill equivalent general education requirements.

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GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (34 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
ENGLISH COMPOSITION: ENG 100 or 101 or 113 and 102 or 114	6-8	_____
LITERATURE: ENG 223 or above	3	_____
FINE ARTS: ART, DAN 101, MUSIC, THTR	3	_____
HUMANITIES: COM 101 and either ENG 223 or above, HIST, International Languages 111 or above, or PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202 or 203	6	_____
ANALYTICAL REASONING: PHIL 102	3	_____
MATHEMATICS: MATH 120, 124 or above	3	_____
NATURAL SCIENCES: (Two courses from the following, one must include a lab): ANTH 102, AST, BIOL 101 or above, CHEM 105 or above, EGG, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS	6-7	_____
U.S. AND NEVADA CONSTITUTIONS: PSC 101	4	_____

SPECIAL PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (27 Credits):

	CR	SEMESTER
CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3	_____
CRJ 107 Introduction to Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	_____
CRJ 120 Community Relations	3	_____
CRJ 130 Survey of Criminal Law	3	_____
CRJ 225 Criminal Evidence	3	_____
CRJ 270 Introduction to Criminology	3	_____
CRJ 288 Second Year Capstone in Criminal Justice	3	_____
Plus 6 credits from the following:	6	_____
Any CRJ course without B designation; any EMA course		
Note: All students must fulfill the Values and Diversity Requirement. CRJ 120 fulfills this requirement.		

This degree was approved for fall 2014 early implementation but was not ready by deadline for inclusion in the 2014-2015 College Catalog.

CRJ-AA **61** Total Credits

Students may elect to graduate using the degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation, or when they declared or changed major or the current catalog. If a program is official after a student has matriculated, the student may choose the degree requirements of the new program. In no case may a student use a catalog which is more than six years old at the time of graduation.



Guided Pathway
Associate of Arts Degree
Criminal Justice
61 Credits
(15 credit hours)

First Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	CRJ 104 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3	
English	ENG 100 or 101 or 113	3-5	
Fine Arts	ART, DAN 101, Music, THTR	3	
Humanities	COM 101 and either ENG 223 or above, HIST, International Languages 111 or above, or PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202 or 203	3	
Analytical Reasoning	PHIL 102	3	
	TOTAL	15-17	
Second semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	CRJ 107 Introduction to Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	
	CRJ 120 Community Relations	3	
English	102 or 114	3	
Humanities	COM 101 and either ENG 223 or above, HIST, International Languages 111 or above, or PHIL 101, 119, 129, 201, 202 or 203	3	
Mathematics	Math 120, 124 or above	3	
	TOTAL	15	
Third Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	CRJ 130 Survey of Criminal Justice	3	
	CRJ 225 Criminal Evidence	3	
	CRJ 270 Introduction to Criminology	3	
Literature	ENG 223 or above	3	
Natural Sciences (without a lab)	ANTH 102, AST, BIOL 101 or above, CHEM 105 or above, EGG, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS	3	
	TOTAL	15	
Fourth Semester	Requirement	Credit Hours	Term
Special Program Requirements	CRJ 288 Second Year Capstone in Criminal Justice	3	
	Choose elective courses from any CRJ course without a B designation or any EMA course	6	
Natural Sciences (with Lab)	ANTH 102, AST, BIOL 101 or above, CHEM 105 or above, EGG, GEOG 103, 104, 117, GEOL, PHYS	4	
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	PSC 101	4	
	TOTAL	17	
	TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS	61	