

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Applied Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Associate of Applied Science in criminal justice is a two-year degree program. Students who successfully complete the AAS usually seek employment in law enforcement, corrections, probation/parole, court officers, investigation, and counseling-oriented professions. Below are a few examples of career salaries.

Career	Median Salary with BS degree	Experienced Salary Median
Municipal Police Officer	\$41,910	\$60,000
Correction Officer	\$25,920	\$32,000
Court Officers	\$26,010	\$30,700
Investigators	\$39,670	\$91,390
Probation/Parole	\$37,590	\$65,330
Counseling - Positions	\$37,590	\$65,330

Career and salary information taken from www.bls.gov. Check out this web site for additional information about education requirements and preferred work styles and abilities for these careers. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This degree program is in compliance with the Common Course Curriculum Library for the A.A.S. in Criminal Justice program as delivered by Tennessee Board of Regents community colleges.

This degree program is not designed for transfer to a four year college or university. However, some agreements are in place that will allow credit to be given for a portion or the entirety of this degree path. Please check with the transfer institution or your advisor for specific details.

Articulation agreements exist between other private and non-TN public institutions. These agreements are available at www.columbiastate.edu/admissions/transfer-information.



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Major in Criminal Justice (A.A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement

COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take one course)

ART 1035, 2000, 2020
ENGL 2055, 2130, 2160, 2235, 2310, 2320, 2860
HUM 1010, 1020
MUS 1030
PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200
THEA 1030

Natural Science/Mathematics Requirement

(Take one course)
ASTR 1030
BIOL 1080, 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020
CHEM 1110, 1120
ESCI 1010, 1020
MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910
PHYS 2010, 2020, 2110, 2120
PSCI 1030

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take one course)

POLS 1030
SOC 1010

Major Required Courses

COLS 101
CRMJ 1010, 1020, 1340, 2010, 2020, 1325, 1330

Program Electives

Take 23-24 hours from the following: (Do not duplicate courses)
ACCT 1010
BUSN 1305, 1310
CITC 2326
CRMJ 1311, 1301, 1322, 1355, 1360, 2301, 2311, 2312, 2322, 2340, 2381, 2390, 2391
INFS 1010
POLS 1010, 1030
PSYC 1030, 2120, 2130
SOC 1010, 1040, 2010

If you have completed TN eCampus courses, run a degree audit from the student tab in myChargerNet to determine how these courses apply to this program.

Requirements for Graduation include:

- earning 25% of total program credits in residence at Columbia State.
- earn a GPA of at least 2.0 in program courses.
- earn a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ Program Elective		3
___ Humanities/Fine Art		3
___ CRMJ 1010	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
___ Program Elective		3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication or	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ CRMJ 1020	Intro to the Legal Process	3
___ CRMJ 2010	Intro to Law Enforcement	3
___ Natural Science/Math Requirement		3-4
___ Program Elective		3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ CRMJ 2020	Intro to Corrections	3
___ CRMJ 1330	Criminal Evidence and Procedures	3
___ POLS 1030	American Government or	
___ SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
___ Program Elective		3
___ Program Elective		3
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ CRMJ 1325	Issues and Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
___ CRMJ 1340	Criminal Investigation	3
___ Program Elective		3
___ Program Elective		3
___ Program Elective		3
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 61

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