

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Science Degree

The Quincy College Criminal Justice Program is designed to prepare individuals for the various aspects of Criminal Justice in the region. The program options available to students offer several routes of preparation. In any Criminal Justice course, students may find themselves in classrooms with police officers, private security professionals, government agency staff, and prospective social scientists. Students are encouraged to carefully review each Criminal Justice track, and the options available within each, in order to more effectively identify the program best suited for their career and personal goals.

Program Description

The Criminal Justice Associate Degree is designed to prepare students for entry level positions in the criminal justice profession as well as to facilitate transfer to a Baccalaureate Degree-granting institutions and enhance the likelihood of students' success in those programs. The Criminal Justice Associate Degree allows the student greater flexibility in selecting courses that will match the program requirements of the school to which the student intends to transfer.

Program Outcomes

At the completion of this program, the student will able to:

- Analyze the structure and functions of the American criminal and juvenile justice systems, including police, courts, and corrections, from scientific, legal, and ethical perspectives.
- Apply criminological theories in the examination of crime causation, criminal behavior, and the development of public policy and justice initiatives.
- Summarize the evolution, structure, and practices of policing to understand the factors shaping modern law enforcement.
- Describe the application of criminal procedures that serve to balance due process and public safety, ensuring legal standards and ethical practices are met.
- Demonstrate competency in criminal law through the application of legal research, writing, and case analysis.
- Explain the importance of professional ethics in establishing justice, equality, and trust in the criminal justice system, with specific attention to vulnerable populations.
- Describe correctional strategies and philosophies that promote public safety, humane treatment, and offender reintegration.

Additional Information

1. Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.
2. CJS 224 Unequal Justice Recommended
3. Humanities Electives: Choose from ENG 111, IDS 155, SPN 101, PHL 110

Note: All classes are offered in the fall and the spring unless otherwise designated:

F=Class is only offered in the Fall

S=Class is only offered in the Spring

General Education Requirements – see p. 98	Credits
25 credits total	
Computer Science	3 credits
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits
ENG 102 English Composition II ¹	3 credits
History/Government ²	3 credits
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits
Math (MAT 107 Preferred)	3 credits
CHE 103 Forensic Science with Lab	4 credits
PSY 101 General Psychology/SOC 101 General Sociology	3 credits

Program Requirements – 36 credits total	Credits
CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credits
CJS 103 Criminology	3 credits
CJS 104 Policing (F)	3 credits
CJS 107 Juvenile Justice: Theory and Practice (S)	3 credits
CJS 108 Criminal Justice Ethics ¹	3 credits
CJS 109 Criminal Law ¹	3 credits
CJS 121 Criminal Procedure ¹	3 credits
CJS 202 Corrections: Probation, Incarceration, Parole, and Reintegration	3 credits
Humanities Concentration Electives ³	3 credits
Program Electives (see below)	9 credits

Total credits required for graduation **61 credits**

Program Electives	Credits
CJS 105 Criminal Evidence & Investigation (S)	3 credits
CJS 111 Criminal Justice Administration (S)	3 credits
CJS 113 Drugs & Society	3 credits
CJS 117 Crisis Intervention & The Police (F)	3 credits
CJS 215 White-Collar Crime (S)	3 credits
CJS 221 Domestic Violence, Abuse & Neglect	3 credits
CJS 225 Victimology (S)	3 credits
CJS 290 Special Topics in Criminal Justice ¹	3 credits
HSV 200 Human Behavior in the Social Environment (F)	3 credits
HSV 105 Introduction to Substance Addiction	3 credits
HSV 205 Substance Addiction Counselling ¹	3 credits
HSV 260 Diverse Populations	3 credits
SOC 102 Contemporary Social Problems	3 credits
PSY 215 Abnormal Psychology	3 credits
EXP 297 Internship I	3 credits

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Semester 1	Credits	Pre-Requisites
Computer Science	3 credits	
CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credits	
CJS 103 Criminology	3 credits	
ENG 101 English Composition I	3 credits	
IDS 167 First Year Seminar	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester 2	Credits	Pre-Requisites
CJS 121 Criminal Procedure	3 credits	CJS 101; ENG 101 Placement Strongly Recommended
ENG 102 English Composition II	3 credits	ENG 101
Math (MAT 107 Preferred)	3 credits	
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 credits	
CJS 104 Policing	3 credits	ENG 101 Placement Strongly Recommended
Total	15 credits	

Semester 3	Credits	Pre-Requisites
CJS 108 Criminal Justice Ethics	3 credits	ENG 101 Placement Strongly Recommended
CJS 109 Criminal Law	3 credits	ENG 101 Placement Strongly Recommended
History/Government	3 credits	
CHE 103 Forensic Science with Lab	4 credits	
CJS 202 Corrections: Probation, Incarceration, Parole, and Reintegration	3 credits	CJS 101
Total	16 credits	

Semester 4	Credits	Pre-Requisites
CJS 107 Juvenile Justice: Theory and Practice	3 credits	
Humanities Elective	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
Program Elective	3 credits	
Total	15 credits	

Semester Path:

Recommended course of study for a full-time student. It is recommended that students speak to an Academic Advisor before registering for courses each semester.

Student Resources:

Academic Advising

617-984-1720

Dean's Office of Arts and Sciences & Professional Programs

617-405-5920

Dean's Office of Allied Health

617-405-5960

Dean's Office of Nursing

617-405-5990

Financial Aid Office

617-984-1620

Registrar's Office

617-984-1650

Student Accessibility and Academic Support Services

617-405-5915