

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: LAW ENFORCEMENT

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 be 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

- Indicates course requires the completion of a prerequisite.
- CJS 224 Unequal Justice Recommended
- 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 |
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| 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 117 Crisis Intervention & The Police (F) | 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) | 6 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 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 Counseling 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 101; ENG 101 Placement Strongly Recommended |
| CJS 121 Criminal Procedure | 3 credits | |
| 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 | |
| CJS 117 Crisis Intervention & The Police | 3 credits | |
| Program Elective | 3 credits | |
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| 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