Criminal Justice
A.S. Degree Program – Catalog Year 2017-2018

Students interested in criminal justice as a career will elect this two-year collegiate program. It is designed for those students planning to transfer to a four-year program in criminal justice. The program suggested below is intended to develop professional criminal justice skills and knowledge along with a basic academic background. Students pursuing this program on a part-time basis should consult an academic advisor for an appropriate sequence.

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Transfer Information
Students pursuing the Criminal Justice degree can transfer into majors such as Criminal Justice or Law and Justice Studies. Many colleges offer opportunities for transfer both in and out of state. Students are encouraged to work closely with Faculty and Advising Transfer Services. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution in NJ can explore the “Transfer Programs” feature on NJ Transfer www.njtransfer.org.

Career Information
The Associate of Arts and the Associate of Science Degrees are designed to transfer to a four-year institution, where students will pursue a Bachelor’s Degree. Some students pursue the Associate Degree for personal enrichment, and/or for employment purposes, helping to improve qualifications for jobs requiring a credential beyond the high school degree. Students are strongly encouraged to consult with Faculty and Career Services as they begin to explore career options. Students can also utilize Career Coach, a resource provided by OCC to help students explore degree programs and corresponding careers ocean.emsicareercoach.com

Fundamental Coursework
CRIM 151, 152, 150
MATH 156
SCIE 105

Students are encouraged to keep track of degree requirements by using the “My Progress” screen on Student Planning. Student Planning can be accessed via logging into Ocean Connect.

Curriculum

First Semester
ENGL 151  English I  3 cr.
CRIM 152  Introduction to Law Enforcement  3 cr.
CRIM 150  The Criminal Justice System  3 cr.
POLI 161 or 162  American Federal Government or American State and Local Government  3 cr.
________  Math Gen Ed Requirement  3 cr.
              (MATH 156 preferred)  15 cr.

Second Semester
ENGL 152  English II  3 cr.
CRIM 151  Police Organization and Administration  3 cr.
CRIM 155  Introduction to Corrections  3 cr.
SOC 181  Introduction to Sociology  3 cr.
CRIM 255  Criminal Law and Procedure  3 cr.
________  Elective  3 cr.
18 cr.

Third Semester
SOC 231 or 238  Social Problems or Race and Ethnicity  3 cr.
SCIE 105  Forensic Science  4 cr.
CRIM 254  Constitutional Law and Rules of Evidence  3 cr.
CRIM 236  Criminology  3 cr.
________  Technology Gen Ed Requirement*  3 cr.
16 cr.

Fourth Semester
COMM 154  Fundamentals of Public Speaking  3 cr.
PSYC 172  General Psychology  3 cr.
CRIM 280 or CRIM 281  Criminal Investigation or Criminal Investigation Theory  3-4 cr.
POLI 185  Public Administration  3 cr.
________  Humanities Gen Ed Requirement  3 cr.
15-16 cr.
TOTAL CREDITS 64-65

Courses satisfying General Education Requirements must be selected from the list of Approved General Education Courses

* Students may attempt to “test out” of the technology requirement. If they succeed, they must take an additional course in math or lab science from the list of Approved General Education Courses.