



Criminal Justice Career

Program: Criminal Justice

Program Code:

CJ

Academic Area:

Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education

Type:

Associate in Science

CIP Code:

43.0104

Program Statement

This program provides students with a strong foundation in the operation of our Criminal Justice System. Students who earn this degree will immediately be ready for a variety of careers within our system of justice as law enforcement officers, court officers, court advocates, or child protective investigators. Students will receive a diverse interdisciplinary education that will allow them to pursue a baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice.

Program Information

- All courses in the Criminal Justice Program may be completed at the Fall River, New Bedford, or Attleboro campuses, and many are also offered at the Taunton Center.
- Faculty members represent all the major fields in the Criminal Justice System and students benefit from their years of formal study and professional experience.
- Academic and transfer advisors assist students in selecting courses to fulfill both program and general education requirements to ensure a smooth transfer to four-year colleges and universities if a baccalaureate degree is pursued.

After Bristol

- Graduates are qualified to seek immediate employment as state and local police officers, corrections officers, private security agents, court advocates, and juvenile residence counselors.
- Graduates have successfully transferred to Bridgewater State University, the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, University of Massachusetts at Lowell, Northeastern University, Johnson and Wales University, Roger Williams University, and Salve Regina University.

Degree Requirements



General Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
CSS 101	College Success Seminar	1
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
GVT 251	State and Local Government	3
	Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Elective	3-4
	Two-course History Sequence	6
	MTH 119 or MTH 125	3

Program Courses

Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 113	Criminal Law	3
CRJ 219	Police and Society	3
CRJ 245	Corrections	3
CRJ 251	Criminology	3
CRJ 258	Criminal Procedure	3
CRJ 259	Introduction to Criminalistics	3

Program Electives

Course #	Title	Credits
	Criminal Justice Program Electives	9

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 1

Course #	Title	Credits
CSS 101	College Success Seminar	1
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 113	Criminal Law	3
ENG 101	Composition I: College Writing	3
SOC 101	Principles of Sociology	3
	HST 111 or HST 113	3



Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 2

Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 245	Corrections	3
ENG 102	Composition II: Writing about Literature	3
	MTH 119 or MTH 125	3
	HST 112 or HST 114	3
	Program Elective	3

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 3

Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 219	Police and Society	3
CRJ 251	Criminology	3
CRJ 258	Criminal Procedure	3
PSY 101	General Psychology	3
	Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Elective	3-4

Recommended Course Sequence - Semester 4

Course #	Title	Credits
	Program Elective	3
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CRJ 259	Introduction to Criminalistics	3
COM 104	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
GVT 251	State and Local Government	3
	Total credits:	60-62

Category Descriptions

Scientific Reasoning and Discovery Elective

Credits: 3-4

Choose one Scientific Reasoning and Discovery elective.

Two-course History Sequence

Credits: 6

Choose one two-course history sequence.



Course #	Title	Credits
	HST 111 and HST 112	6
	HST 113 and HST 114	6

MTH 119 or MTH 125

Credits: 3

Choose one of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
MTH 119	Fundamental Statistics	3
MTH 125	Modern College Mathematics	3

Criminal Justice Program Electives

Credits: 9

Choose three of the following:

Course #	Title	Credits
CRJ 115	Report Writing and Information Systems	3
CRJ 221	Juvenile Offenders	3
CRJ 256	Criminal Investigation	3
SOC 256	Race and Ethnicity in the Contemporary United States	3
INT 210	Internship Experience I	3