

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Art/Associate of Science degree



Program and Career Description:

The Criminal Justice emphasis is a two-year program for students planning to complete a bachelors degree in Criminal Justice. Students pursuing careers in security, law enforcement, and corrections should consider this degree. Below are a few examples of career and salary information.

Career	Entry-Level Education	Entry-Level Pay	Median Pay	Experienced Pay
Police Patrol Officer	HS diploma to Bachelor's Degree	\$31,240	\$40,674	\$50,100
Correctional Officer and Bailiffs	HS diploma	\$25,610	\$30,340	\$34,850
Security Guard	HS diploma	\$18,570	\$24,270	\$35,570

Career and salary information taken from JOBS4TN.GOV. Check out this website for additional information about job descriptions, education requirements and abilities, and supply and demand for these careers. For additional information from a national perspective, go to Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor on the internet at www.bls.gov. Visit the [Occupational Outlook Handbook](#) on this website. Salaries are not guaranteed.

Transfer Options

This program is a Tennessee Transfer Pathway (TTP) major. A student who completes the associates degree in this major is guaranteed that all required community college courses will be accepted in this major at the transfer institution. To see which four-year institutions offer this TTP major and guarantees a seamless transfer, visit the Tennessee Transfer Pathway website at www.tntransferpathway.org.

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 Tennessee Transfer Pathway with Emphasis in Criminal Justice (A.A., A.S.)

Program Requirements

Students may be required to take additional Learning Support courses.

Communications Requirement

COMM 2025 or COMM 2055
ENGL 1010, 1020

History Requirement (Take 2 courses)

HIST 2010, 2020, 2030, 2310, 2320

Humanities/Fine Arts (Take 3 courses -- one must be a literature course)

ART 1035, 2000, 2020

ENGL 2160, 2860

HUM 1010, 1020

MUS 1030

PHIL 1030, 1040, 2200

THEA 1030

Literature Options: ENGL 2055, 2130, 2235, 2310, 2320

Natural Sciences Requirement (Take 2 courses)

ASTR 1030

BIOL 1080 (must not be paired with another BIOL)

BIOL 1110, 1120, 2010, 2020

CHEM 1110, 1120

ESCI 1010, 1020

PHYS 2010, 2020, 2110, 2120

PSCI 1030

Mathematics Requirement (Take one course)

MATH 1010, 1130, 1530, 1630, 1710, 1720, 1730, 1830, 1910

Social/Behavioral Sciences (Take 2 courses)

PSYC 1030

SOCI 1010

Major Required Courses

COLS 101

CRMJ 1010, 1020, 2010, 2020

Electives*

*Note: An elective can be any college-level course.

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 cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.
- taking the Exit Exam.

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Sample Academic Plan

First Year – Fall Semester

___ ENGL 1010	English Composition I	3
___ History Requirement		3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ CRMJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
___ SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3
___ COLS 101	Columbia State College Success	1
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First Year – Spring Semester

___ ENGL 1020	English Composition II	3
___ CRMJ 1020	Introduction to Legal Process	3
___ PSYC 1030	Introduction to Psychology	3
___ History Requirement		3
___ Mathematics Requirement		3
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Second Year – Fall Semester

___ Literature Requirement		3
___ COMM 2025	Fundamentals of Communication or	
___ COMM 2055	Argumentation and Debate	3
___ Humanities/Fine Arts		3
___ Natural Sciences Requirement		4
___ CRMJ 2010	Intro to Law Enforcement	3
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Second Year – Spring Semester

___ CRMJ 2020	Introduction to Corrections	3
___ Natural Sciences Requirement		4
___ Electives*		6
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TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 60

*If pursuing the A.A. degree, 6 of the 7 elective hours must be one-year sequence of the SAME foreign language. Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree at universities include demonstrated competency in foreign language at the intermediate level. Community college students are encouraged to attain intermediate-level competency in foreign language before transferring. Complete information regarding foreign language requirements at each university may be found on the transfer and articulation web sites of the Tennessee Board of Regents and the University of Tennessee System. Community college students are encouraged to be familiar with foreign language requirements at the universities and, if applicable, complete the requirements before transferring.

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