

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.A.S. - CRJ3

The Associate in Applied Science with a major in Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare professionally-educated and competent criminal justice practitioners for careers within the criminal justice system. Generally, three groups of students are served:

1. individuals seeking employment in public or private agencies upon completion of the two-year degree;
2. practitioners furthering their education for personal fulfillment or professional advancement;
3. and those intending to pursue advanced studies in criminal justice, criminology or sociology at four-year institutions.

The program examines a broad spectrum of criminal justice concepts and theories, including criminology, ethics, law, evidence and procedure, corrections, juveniles, as well as general education courses. Near the end of the degree program, students will complete a criminal justice internship.

The internship program is designed to give students practical application exposure and an opportunity to interact with criminal justice professionals. This internship allows students to directly observe and experience connections between criminal justice theory and practice. Students are required to have an acceptable background check. A criminal record could make you ineligible for enrollment or participation in a cooperative work experience creating an inability to graduate from the program.

Students may be eligible for transfer credit from professional training courses and other institutions of higher learning. For specific information and consideration of transfer credit, contact a criminal justice advisor and request an official copy of your transcript of coursework be sent to the college.

## Requirements

Courses	Course Title	Credit Hours
<b>General Education Courses</b>		
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 165	Professional Communications	3
or ENG 102	English Composition II	
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Elective Humanities ( <a href="https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/">https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/</a> )		3
Subtotal		15
<b>Required Core Subject Areas</b>		
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3

CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRJ 220	The Judicial Process	3
CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3
CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
CRJ 250	Criminal Justice Internship I	3
Subtotal		36
<b>Other Courses Required for Graduation</b>		
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
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Subtotal		9
Total Hours		60

<sup>1</sup> CRJ, ECD, HUS, PSC, PSY and SOC.

## Graduation Plan

### Fall Start

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>Fall Semester</b>		
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
ENG 165	Professional Communications	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Hours		12

### Spring Semester

CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics	3
Hours		15

### Summer Semester

Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
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Hours		6

### Second Year

#### Fall Semester

CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRJ 220	The Judicial Process	3
CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts ( <a href="https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/">https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/</a> )		3
Hours		15



### Spring Semester

CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 250	Criminal Justice Internship I	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		60

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### Spring Start

Course	Title	Hours
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#### First Year

##### Spring Semester

CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
ENG 165	Professional Communications	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Hours		12

##### Summer Semester

CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Hours		9

##### Fall Semester

CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRJ 220	The Judicial Process	3
CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3
Hours		15

#### Second Year

##### Spring Semester

CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics	3
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts ( <a href="https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/">https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/</a> )		3
Hours		15

##### Summer Semester

CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
CRJ 250	Criminal Justice Internship I	3
Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Hours		9
Total Hours		60

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### Summer Start

Course	Title	Hours
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#### First Year

##### Summer Semester

CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Hours		6

##### Fall Semester

CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 145	Juvenile Delinquency	3
CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3
ENG 165	Professional Communications	3
MAT 155	Contemporary Mathematics	3
Hours		15

##### Spring Semester

CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
Hours		15

#### Second Year

##### Summer Semester

CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Approved Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Hours		9

##### Fall Semester

CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 220	The Judicial Process	3
CRJ 250	Criminal Justice Internship I	3
PSY 201	General Psychology	3
Elective Humanities/Fine Arts ( <a href="https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/">https://catalog.ptc.edu/student-handbook/advising-registration/general-education-courses/</a> )		3
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

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## Application and Advising

If you are ready to start your education, there are a few simple steps involved in enrolling at Piedmont Technical College.

Get Started Today (<https://www.ptc.edu/admissions/new-students/>)

## Advising Information

The following information provides a guide for advisors who are helping students enroll in this program.

## Program Notes

Students may begin the Criminal Justice program during fall, spring, or summer term. This program can be completed on a part-time or full-time basis.

In some cases, PTC will award exemption credit from work completed at the SC Criminal Justice Academy as follows . . .

- Credit for CRJ 101, CRJ 220, CRJ 115, and CRJ 120 may be awarded for the successful completion of the 8-week Class I Basic Law Enforcement Officer Training.
- Credit for CRJ 242 may be offered for successful completion of the 5-week Class II Basic Jail.

Students are required to have an acceptable background check.

## Notes About Individual Classes

Two English courses are required for the program, to be chosen from English 165, 101, or 102. Students will follow this progression, with their starting point being determined by their placement test scores: ENG 032/012 and/or RDG 032/012 (or RWR 032/012) > ENG 100 and/or RDG 100 (or RWR 100) > ENG 165 or ENG 101. ENG 101 and ENG 102 are more likely to transfer, so ENG 102 can be substituted for ENG 165 if the student is considering pursuing a four-year degree in the future.

The math required for this program is MAT 155. Students will follow this progression, with their starting point being determined by their placement test scores: MAT 032/012 > MAT 155.

Developmental or transitional classes should be scheduled around program classes, and program classes should be taken as they appear in the Semester-by-semester graduation plan (see below).

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

### Purpose Statement

The mission of the CRJ program is to provide student with a thorough understanding of the function of criminal justice in society, including all aspects of law enforcement, court, and correctional systems.

The curriculum provides students with a comprehensive foundation that focuses on these complex and interrelated systems as they are manifested in society by integrating theoretical and practical applications. By addressing the diverse and continually evolving skills essential to success in the profession, students are provided with educational opportunities that allow them the ability to achieve their individual, academic, and career goals while preparing them to meet the demanding challenges that exist in all branches of criminal justice.

### Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Explain and identify the roles and responsibilities of the various criminal justice agencies in the US and the inter-relationship with other agencies and to the public.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the basic steps of statement analysis.
3. Identify criminal acts, their elements, parties to offenses, and application to the criminal justice system.
4. Demonstrate verbal communication skills needed to effectively interact with the public and offenders and/or written communication

skills necessary to effectively convey information and prepare reports.

5. Utilize appropriate technology when submitting reports, accessing and/or interpreting statistical, graphical, pictorial, and/or agency data.
6. Exhibit and maintain behavior consistent with criminal justice duties and procedures as measured by self-evaluations and/or cooperative work experiences.