

CRIMINAL JUSTICE
A.A.S. DEGREE: DEGREE CODE 314
Total Credits: 60
Catalog Edition: 2017-2018

Program Description

The AAS in criminal justice is designed to prepare students for careers within the criminal justice system. The program offers a combination of liberal arts and specialized career courses to help students upon entry into the criminal justice field. The curriculum is offered for those already employed in the criminal justice profession as well as for high school students interested in pursuing careers with local, state, or private agencies within the field. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from criminal justice faculty in making course selections to suit their career goals and interests. Those students interested in transferring to obtain a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university should consult advisers regarding our AA degree in general studies.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the criminal law and of the criminal justice process (police, courts, and corrections).
- Explain the function and role of various criminal justice practitioners in the operation of an ethical and professional system of justice that exists within a diverse society.
- Analyze the history, functions, policies, and procedures used in each subsystem of justice and creatively offer alternatives to current practices.
- Explain the impact of political and economic considerations as it relates to criminal justice theory, research, practice, and policy.
- Demonstrate the ability to proficiently write about criminal justice issues while utilizing academic sources in an organized and coherent manner.

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montgomerycollege.edu/criminaljustice

2017-2018 Program Advising Guide

An Academic Reference Tool for Students

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First Semester

- ENGL101 – Introduction to College Writing
3 semester hours *
- CCJS110 - Administration of Justice
3 semester hours
- COMM108 – Foundations of Human Communications or COMM112 – Business and Profession Speech Communications
3 semester hours
- SOCY100 – Introduction to Sociology
3 semester hours
- Mathematics Foundation
3 semester hours

Second Semester

- CCJS201 – Introduction to Law Enforcement or CCJS230 – Introduction to Corrections
3 semester hours
- CCJS221 – Criminal Law
3 semester hours
- PSYC102 – General Psychology
3 semester hours
- English Foundation
3 semester hours
- Arts or Humanities Distribution
3 semester hours

Third Semester

- CCJS215 – Organization and Administration
3 semester hours
- POLI101 – American Government
3 semester hours
- Natural Science with Lab Distribution
4 semester hours
- CCJS elective
3 semester hours
- Elective
2 semester hours

Fourth Semester

- CCJS242 – Theory and Practice
3 semester hours
- CCJS244 – Contemporary Issues
3 semester hours
- CCJS or behavioral and social science elective
3 semester hours
- CCJS elective
3 semester hours
- Elective
3 semester hours

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Advising Notes

* **ENGL 101 /ENGL 101A** , if needed for **ENGL 102 /ENGL 103** , or elective.

‡ CCJS electives include **CCJS 211** , **CCJS 216** , **CCJS 222** , **CCJS 232** , **CCJS 246** , **CCJS 250** , and **CCJS 255** . Students can also use **CCJS 201** or **CCJS 230** as a CCJS elective if not already used to satisfy a program requirement.

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Those students interested in transferring to obtain a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university should consult Counseling Faculty/Faculty Advisors regarding our A.A. degree in General Studies (SSAH).

GENERAL EDUCATION: FOUNDATION COURSES	Course	Hours	Grade
English Foundation (EN 102/ENGL 102 or EN 109/ENGL 103)		3	
Math Foundation (MATH 110, 115 (A), 117 (A), 130, 150, 165, 170, or 181) CONSULT COUNSELING FACULTY/FACULTY ADVISOR ABOUT CHOICE			
GENERAL EDUCATION: DISTRIBUTION COURSES	Course	Hours	Grade
Arts or Humanities Distribution (ARTD or HUMD)			
Behavioral & Social Sciences Distribution (BSSD)	CJ 110/ CCJS 110	3	
Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab (NSLD)		4	
General Education Elective (GEEL)		3	
General Education Elective (GEEL)	SO101/ SOCY 100	3	
PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	Course	Hours	Grade
ENGL 101 or ENGL 101A (if needed for ENGL102/103 or Elective)*			
	PS 101/ POLI 101	3	
	PY102/ PSYC 102	3	
CJ 111/ CCJS 201 or CJ 230/ CCJS 230		3	
	CJ 215/ CCJS 215	3	
	CJ 221/ CCJS 221	3	
	CJ 242/ CCJS 242	3	
	CJ 244/ CCJS 244	3	
CJ/CCJS or Behavioral & Social Sciences ELECTIVE			
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CJ/CCJS ELECTIVE †			
ELECTIVE			
ELECTIVE (if needed to complete 60 credits)			

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Overall GPA of 2.0 is required to graduate

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Advising Worksheet Contact:
[Anthony Solano](#)

See an [advisor](#) to submit an [Application for Graduation](#) the semester BEFORE you intend to graduate.

This UNOFFICIAL document is for planning purposes ONLY and completion does not guarantee graduation.

This degree is a career program and may not readily transfer to four year colleges/universities (except in special cases.) Visit [transfer planning](#) for more information.

Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more please visit: <http://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/Transfer/> or <http://artsys.usmd.edu/>

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations

<https://cms.montgomerycollege.edu/edu/plain.aspx?id=2439>

Related Careers

Some of the following career paths may require a Bachelor’s degree.

Police officer, sheriff deputy, state trooper, federal law enforcement agent, fish & wildlife officer, correctional officer, probation & parole agent, juvenile services caseworker/ probation agent, private security industry.

Career Services

<http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career>

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. Visit the website listed below:

<https://montgomerycollege.emsicareercoach.com>

Notes:

Students are strongly encouraged to explore the multiple professional opportunities in criminal justice and investigate the specific academic, professional, physical and background requirements established by each of the agencies. Many criminal justice agencies have significant background requirements that must be met prior to employment. Students are encouraged to meet with a criminal justice faculty advisor to discuss their specific career and academic goals.