

Criminal Justice

AS Degree in Criminal Justice (AJ13)

The Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice provides a solid foundation in general education and criminal justice that prepares students for entry-level employment in a variety of law enforcement fields or for continued education toward a baccalaureate degree. The sequence of courses in the areas of criminal investigation and procedure, criminology, juvenile delinquency, and law enforcement allows students to gain a deeper understanding of criminal behavior and the law enforcement system. Graduates may pursue additional educational opportunities at senior institutions or pursue entry level positions in fields related to law enforcement, security (private or public), loss prevention, court administration, social services, or in a variety of fields that require a dedication to duty and a commitment to public safety.

NOTE: This degree will transfer to specific institutions within the University System of Georgia with which WGTC has articulation agreements. For further information about the terms of these agreements, as well as transferability of general education courses and occupational programs to other Georgia colleges and universities, please refer to the WGTC web page, *Articulation Agreements*, <http://www.westgatech.edu/registration/articulation.htm>. Please consult an academic advisor for requirements specific to each institution.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may pursue additional education opportunities at senior institutions or pursue entry level positions in fields related to law enforcement, security (private or public), loss prevention, court administration, social services, or in a variety of fields that require a dedication to duty and a commitment to public safety.

Credit Required for Graduation: Minimum of 62 credit hours

Curriculum

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice degree requires a minimum of 47 credit hours of general education courses as specified below (**all course prerequisites must be met**).

General Core Courses		Credits
Area I Language Arts/Communication Requirement (minimum 12 hours)		
_____ ENGL 1101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
_____ ENGL 1102	Literature and Composition	3
_____ SPCH 1101	Public Speaking	3
_____ SPAN 1101	Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture I	3
-or-		
_____ SPAN 1102	Introduction to Spanish Language and Culture II	(3)
Area II Social/Behavioral Sciences Requirement (minimum 15 hours)		
_____ HIST 1111	World History I	3
-or-		
_____ HIST 1112	World History II	(3)

Area II - continued			
_____	HIST 2111	US History I	3
	-or-		
_____	HIST 2112	US History II	(3)
_____	POLS 1101	American Government	3
_____	PSYC 1101	Introductory Psychology	3
_____	SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3
Area III Natural Sciences/Mathematics Requirement (minimum 14 hours)			
_____	MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
_____	MATH 1127	Introduction to Statistics	3
-and-			
one of the three lab science sequences below (4 courses, 8 credits, total):			
_____	BIOL 1111	Biology I	3
_____	BIOL 1111L	Biology I Lab	1
_____	BIOL 1112	Biology II	3
_____	BIOL 1112L	Biology II Lab	1
	-or-		
_____	CHEM 1151	Survey of Inorganic Chemistry	(3)
_____	CHEM 1151L	Survey of Inorganic Chemistry Lab	(1)
_____	CHEM 1152	Survey of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry	(3)
_____	CHEM 1152L	Survey of Organic Chemistry and Biochemistry Lab	(1)
	-or-		
_____	PHYS 1111	Introductory Physics I	(3)
_____	PHYS 1111L	Introductory Physics I Lab	(1)
_____	PHYS 1112	Introductory Physics II	(3)
_____	PHYS 1112L	Introductory Physics II Lab	(1)
Area IV Humanities/Fine Arts Requirement (minimum 6 hours)			
_____	ENGL 2130	American Literature	3
	-or-		
_____	HUMN 1101	Introduction to Humanities	(3)
-and-			
_____	ARTS 1101	Art Appreciation	3
	-or-		
_____	MUSC 1101	Music Appreciation	(3)
	-or-		
_____	THEA 1101	Theater Appreciation	(3)

Program courses appear on next page.

Program Courses		Credits
<i>Occupational Courses (minimum 15-18 credits, dependent upon accepting institution)</i>		
_____	CRJU 1010 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
_____	CRJU 1040 Principles of Law Enforcement	3
_____	CRJU 2050 Introduction to Criminal Procedure	3
_____	CRJU 2060 Criminology	3
_____	CRJU 2070 Juvenile Justice <i>(required for UWG transfer only)</i>	3
	-or-	
_____	CRJU 1030 Corrections <i>(required for CSU transfer only)</i>	(3)
_____	CRJU 1068 Criminal Law <i>(required for CSU transfer only)</i>	(3)