



# Criminal Justice

Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences (AAAS)

Planning Guide 2017-2018

EPC 832

## Program Information:

**Length of Program:** 90 Credits  
**Completion Award:** A.A.A.S. Degree  
**Enrollment:** Fall (recommended), Winter, Spring  
**Approximate Quarterly Costs:** \$35-115  
*(in addition to tuition, books and parking)*

**Website:** [www.shoreline.edu/criminaljustice/](http://www.shoreline.edu/criminaljustice/)

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NOTE: Credit may be awarded by the CJ advisory for police academy or in-service police training.

## Program Description:

The Criminal Justice Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences degree is designed to prepare students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, private security as well as some legal/paralegal positions. Shoreline Community College works closely with local advisory committees and industry professionals to ensure students receive the knowledge and skills currently in demand by employers in the field. Students interested in pursuing a four-year baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice should follow the Criminal Justice AA-DTA transfer degree planning guide.

## Criminal Justice—What is it?

The Criminal Justice Program offers students an overview of the historical, governmental and administrative structures that have shaped and continue to influence the field of criminal justice. The program explores relevant ethical and social issues and promotes self-awareness. Students develop skills in human relations, leadership, analytical reasoning and communication and learn methods for effective police patrol and strategies for preventing and investigating criminal activities.

## Program Outcomes:

Students who successfully complete this program **-by achieving a GPA of 2.0 or better for the entire program-** should be able to:

1. Evaluate federal and state constitutions and their respective criminal codes.
2. Apply basic theories of police operations and management.
3. Communicate effectively within the criminal justice system.
4. Effectively communicate with the public and respond to various problems many of which may not be criminal in nature.
5. Fairly enforce the laws which regulate public conduct.
6. Properly identify, collect and preserve evidence.
7. Conduct preliminary traffic and criminal investigations, report findings and testify effectively in court.
8. Promote security through appropriate application of standard patrol practices and police interventions.
9. Understand and apply concepts of community-oriented policing.

## Career Opportunities—What can I do with a Degree in Criminal Justice?

The employment outlook is very good with job growth expected to continue over the next decade. Successful employment in many positions – particularly law enforcement positions - is dependent upon passing competitive entrance examinations, meeting various medical requirements, and passing background investigations. Good performance and additional training can enhance opportunities for advancement.

**Potential employers include:** Graduates can be employed by municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement, juvenile and adult correction facilities, private and corporate security/investigation firms. For more, please visit career information and resources at <http://www.shoreline.edu/counseling-center/career-counseling.aspx>.

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**Program Prerequisites:** High School Diploma or GED and college placement

A.A.A.S. DEGREE – 90 Credits

<b>General Education   15 Credits</b>				
Course		QTR	GR	CR
ENGL& 101	English Composition I			5
	<i>or</i>			
BTWRT 215	Prof Communications			
	Choose from any college level Math 100 level or above from approved Quantitative Symbolic Reasoning List†			5
	<i>or</i>			
PHIL& 120	Symbolic Logic			
	<i>or</i>			
BUS 102	Business Math			
	Choose one course from the approved Multicultural Understanding List‡			5

<b>CORE REQUIREMENTS   20 Credits</b>				
Course		QTR	GR	CR
CMST&101	Intro to Communications			5
PSYC& 100	General Psychology			5
SOC& 101	Intro to Sociology			5
POLS 101	Intro to Political Science			5
	<i>or</i>			
POLS& 202	American Government			

<b>CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE REQUIREMENTS   40 Credits</b>				
Course		QTR	GR	CR
First Quarter				
CJ& 101	Intro to Criminal Justice			5
PHIL 248	Ethical Issues in CJ			5
Second Quarter				
CJ& 110	Criminal Law			5
Third Quarter				
CJ 120	Administration of Justice			5
Fourth Quarter				
CJ 238	Crim Evidence/Const Law			5
Fifth Quarter*				
CJ 241	Principle of Investigation I			5
<i>*Internship is recommended for either 5th or 6th quarter. It is only offered winter and spring quarters</i>				
Sixth Quarter*				
CJ 249	Police Operations			5
CJ 290*	Internship			5
<i>*Internship is recommended for either 5th or 6th quarter. It is only offered winter and spring quarters</i>				

† Approved Quantitative/Symbolic Reasoning Courses: MATH& 107, 141, 142, 146, 148, 151, 152, 163, 264, MATH 111, 171, 207, 208, 211

‡ Approved Multicultural Understanding Courses: CMST 203, GWS 284, HIST 245, MCS 105, EDUC 117

<b>Criminal Justice Professional Electives   15 Credits</b>				
Course		QTR	GR	CR
CAST 102	Child Maltreatmt & Advocacy			5
	<i>or</i>			
SOC 102	Child Maltreatmt & Advocacy			
CAST 202	Prof and System Responses			5
	<i>or</i>			
SOC 202	Prof and System Responses			
CJ 130	Information Gathering			5
CJ 135	Crime Prevention through Community Partnerships			5
CJ& 106	Juvenile Justice			5
CJ 242	Princ of Investigation II			5
CJ 245	Defensive Tactics			5
CJ& 112	Criminology			5
	<i>or</i>			
SOC 112	Criminology			
CJ 291-295	Special Topics in CJ			1-5
CJ 297	Individual Project-CJ			1
CJ 298	Individual Project-CJ			2
CJ 299	Individual Project-CJ			3
CAST 285	Gender, Viol & Soc Change			5
	<i>or</i>			
GWS 285	Gender, Viol & Soc Change			
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS:</b>				

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<b>APPROVAL TO GRADUATE</b>	
_____ <i>Student Name &amp; SID</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Faculty Advisory</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Division Dean</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>
_____ <i>Credential Approval</i>	_____ <i>Date</i>

Note: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, the information is subject to change without notice and final career decisions are the responsibility of the student.