

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (AA)

Associate of Arts

Transfer Program

Interest Areas:

Soc. Sciences and Human Svcs.

The Criminal Justice program provides an overview of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, the court system, criminal law, corrections, police-community relations, ethics, probation, and parole, learning the fundamentals of research design and analysis. This program serves those who might find an entry level position with an associate's degree and fulfills the first two years of a program for students interested in pursuing a career in the criminal justice field where earning a Bachelor's or higher degree is either an advantage or required. Positions available to graduates of a criminal justice program may be found in the areas of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, various other governmental agencies, corrections, probation, and parole systems, private security agencies, advocacy, careers dealing with policy and planning, and insurance companies.

Completion of the following courses results in an associate degree and meets the general core requirements at all Idaho public universities. The suggested coursework normally fulfills the first half of baccalaureate degree requirements in Criminal Justice. Course selections should be tailored to match requirements of the intended transfer institution.

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Program Website (<https://www.nic.edu/criminaljustice/>)

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
General Education Requirements		
GEM 1 - Written Communication		6
GEM 2 - Oral Communication		3
GEM 3 - Mathematical Ways of Knowing		3-5
GEM 4 - Scientific Ways of Knowing		7-8
GEM 5 - Humanistic and Artistic Ways of Knowing		6
GEM 6 - Social and Behavioral Ways of Knowing ¹		0
GEM 7W - Wellness ¹		0
Select one of the following:		3
GEM 7F - First Year Experience		
GEM 7I - Institutionally Designated		
Program Requirements		
CJ-103	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ-202	Corrections in America	3
CJ-203	Drugs and Society	3
CJ-205	Criminal Procedures	3
CJ-245	Introduction to Criminology	3

POLS-101	American National Government	3
SOC-101	Introduction to Sociology	3
or SOC-102	Social Problems	

Elective Requirements

Courses 100-level or higher	10-12
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Total Credits	60-62
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¹ This General Education Requirement is met by the Program Requirements.

Recommended Elective Courses

Code	Title	Credits
PSYC-101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC-205	Developmental Psychology	3
PSYC-211	Abnormal Psychology	3
SOC-220	Marriage and Family	3
SOC-251	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
POLS-275	State and Local Government	3

Course Key



GEM



AAS
Institutionally
Designated



Gateway



Milestone

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students will be able to:

1. Effectively delineate and explain the major organizations of the American Criminal Justice System, particularly the roles and responsibilities of each.
2. Evaluate various theoretical models that have been developed to explain both individual and group criminal behavior.
3. Identify and apply major discipline specific concepts, procedures, and practices.
4. Locate, manage and use legal, technological and other professional resources in the criminal justice field.

In addition to the program outcomes, students will meet the North Idaho College General Education (GEM) Requirements.