

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.A.S.

The **Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice** covers various aspects of crime prevention, police and law enforcement functions, criminal law and the courts, the corrections system, and the root causes of crime. The program provides a basic understanding of the criminal justice system and the skills needed to pursue further education and work in policing, courts, corrections, and related fields.

Milestone Course

These courses are the keys to graduation. Courses should be taken in the recommended semesters to stay on time for completion.

Career Planning

As you prepare for your last year before graduation, visit WVU Parkersburg's Career Services Office to write your resume, plan your job search, and learn how to have a successful interview. Students interested in the BAS in Criminal Justice should apply for the program in their final semester of the AAS CJ program.

Capstone Course

This semester-long project prepares you for the workforce by perfecting your resume, assessing student learning outcomes, and preparing a portfolio of student work.

Students should average 15 credit hours per semester, or 30 per year, to graduate on time.

Total Degree Credits: 60

| Course | Title | Hours |
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| Semester 1 | | |
| Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) | Elective | 3 |
| Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr) | Elective | 3 |
| People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) | Elective | 3 |
| CJ 123 | INTRO TO CORRECTIONS | 3 |
| COLL 101 | ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE | 1 |
| CJ 111 | INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ¹ | 3 |
| Hours | | 16 |
| Semester 2 | | |
| Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) | Elective | 3 |
| CJ 112 | CRIMINAL LAW | 3 |
| CJ 122 | POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS | 3 |
| CJ Elective | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 2 |
| Hours | | 14 |
| Semester 3 | | |
| CJ 212 or PHIL 150 | ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE or INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 2 |
| Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si) | Elective | 4 |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca) | Course | |
| Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci) | Course | |
| People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) | Course | |
| CJ 285 | BASIC CJ RESEARCH METHODS ¹ | 3 |
| Hours | | 15 |
| Semester 4 | | |
| Select one of the following: ^{1, 2} | | 3 |
| CJ 291 | INTERNSHIP | |
| CJ 292 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR | |
| Select one of the following: | | 3 |
| Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca) | Course | |
| Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci) | Course | |
| People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) | Course | |
| CJ Elective | | 3 |
| SOC 232 | CRIMINOLOGY | 3 |

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| Psychology or Sociology Course | 3 |
| Hours | 15 |
| Total Hours | 60 |

- ¹ Milestone Course
² Capstone Course

Degree requires a total of 60 credit hours. [Core Course Credit Hours : 20]

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core Courses | | |
| COLL 101 | ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE ¹ | 1 |
| | Writing and Rhetoric (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr) | 6 |
| | Quantitative Reasoning (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr) | 3 |
| | Scientific Inquiry (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si) | 4 |
| | Select two of the following: | 6 |
| | Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca) | |
| | Human Communication and Interaction (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci) | |
| | People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) | |
| Program Courses | | |
| CJ 111 | INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE | 3 |
| CJ 112 | CRIMINAL LAW | 3 |
| CJ 122 | POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS | 3 |
| CJ 123 | INTRO TO CORRECTIONS | 3 |
| CJ 285 | BASIC CJ RESEARCH METHODS | 3 |
| CJ 212 | ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE | 3 |
| or PHIL 150 | INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS | |
| CJ 292 | CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR ² | 3 |
| or CJ 291 | INTERNSHIP | |
| SOC 232 | CRIMINOLOGY | 3 |
| CJ Elective ³ | | 6 |
| Psychology or Sociology Course ⁴ | | 3 |
| People and Their Worlds (https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw) | | 3 |
| Free Elective | | 4 |
| Total Hours | | 60 |

- ¹ Institutional Graduation Requirement.
² Students choose either course, default course for most students is CJ 292 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEMINAR
³ Any non-required course with a CJ prefix, or any course on the approved CJ elective list.
⁴ Students may choose any psychology or sociology course