

Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science

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The Criminal Justice Program at Cecil College is structured around the study of crime, deviance and forensics. The Criminal Justice curriculum will prepare and empower students to be critical thinkers and responsible citizens, and to analyze criminal and social behavior from a deeper perspective. Criminal Justice majors gain the skills and the depth of knowledge that enable them to understand, interpret and explain a wide range of criminal behavior. The Criminal Justice program provides students with an opportunity to pursue studies leading to careers within the field or four-year degree programs.

The computer literacy requirement will be met throughout the coursework in the degree program.

General Education Requirements (26 credits)		General Education Code	Credits
EGL 101	College Composition	E	3
HST 202	United States History II	H	3
MAT 127	Introduction to Statistics	M	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	SS	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	SS	3
SPH 141	Public Speaking	H	3
SPN 101	Introductory Spanish	H	3
SCI	Biology, Chemistry, or Physics Elective with Lab ¹	S/SL	4
Program Requirements (34 credits)			
CRJ 101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System		3
CRJ 111	Police and Society		3
CRJ 133	Forensic Techniques in Crime Scene Investigations		3
CRJ 201	Criminal Investigation		3
CRJ 205	Criminal Law		3
CRJ 208	Ethics in the Criminal Justice System		3
CRJ 214	Delinquency and Juvenile Justice		3
CRJ 221	Criminology		3
CRJ 230	Professional Studies in Criminal Justice		3
CRJ 299	Cooperative Education Experience in Criminal Justice		
EGL 211	Technical Writing		
ELECT ²	Elective		1

Total Credits Required in Program: 60

¹ BIO or CHM recommended for students pursuing careers in Forensic Science.

² PED 104 (1 credit) and PED 174 (2 credits) recommended for students who need ACT credit

Program Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Critically evaluate theoretical perspective to explain the nature of crime and apply criminological theories to specific types of crime- to understand how and why crime happens.
- Critically evaluate laws and court decisions about crime and criminal behavior.
- Understand, articulate and evaluate how various factors (social, personal, historical, economic,) influence human behavior and its impact on policies and laws within the Criminal Justice System.
- Explain the organization and administration of the criminal justice system
- Explain the role of research in criminal justice
- Explain and analyze the Criminal Justice Process, the role of discretion among criminal justice actors, and evaluate best practices.
- Analyze how ethical principles and ethical codes of conduct apply to criminal justice professionals.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing, demonstrate basic knowledge of information technology as applied to criminal justice research and practice.