CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Doña Ana Community College 2026-2027 Catalog

NOTE: All courses listed under “General Education” and “Major Requirements” may be applied toward a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice at NMSU. Students must earn a final grade of C- or better in ENGL 1110G Composition I, the Mathematics requirement(s), all Major requirements, and achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0.

(60-61 credits)

Students must complete all University degree requirements, which include: General Education requirements and elective credits to total at least 60 credits. Developmental coursework will not count towards the degree requirements and/or elective credits, but may be needed in order to take the necessary English and Mathematics coursework.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
Area I: Communications		
English Composition - Level 1		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
English Composition - Level 2		
Choose one from the following:		3
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication	
ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
Oral Communication		
COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	3
or COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	
Area II: Mathematics [1]		*3-4*
Area III/IV: Laboratory Science and Social/Behavioral Sciences [1]		*10*
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
Area III: Laboratory Science [1]		
The courses below are recommended options for the second Area IV requirement. Any other Area IV courses are also acceptable.		
ECON 1110G	Survey of Economics	
or SOCI 1110G	Introduction to Sociology	
Area V: Humanities [1]		*3*
One of the following courses is recommended: Any other area V courses are also acceptable		
PHIL 1120G	Logic, Reasoning, & Critical Thinking	
PHIL 1145G	Philosophy, Law, and Ethics	
PHIL 2110G	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL 2230G	Philosophical Thought	
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts [1]		*3*
Select one course from Area VI - Creative/Fine Arts [1]		
General Education Elective		
An additional Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences course is recommended [1]		3
Major Requirements		
CJUS 1110G is required for this degree and will count towards both General Education and Major Requirements		
CJUS 1120	Criminal Law [2]	3
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure [2]	3
CJUS 2140	Criminal Investigations [2]	3
CJUS 2150	Corrections System [2]	3
CJUS 2220	The American Law Enforcement System [2]	3
Electives, to bring the total credits to 60 [3]		13
Total Credits		**60-61**

1. See the General Education (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/dona-ana/general-education-and-transfer-options/transfer-new-mexico-institutions/) section of the catalog for a full list of courses
2. Courses are identical to those offered at New Mexico State University Las Cruces (main) Campus.
3. Electives should be selected in consultation with an academic advisor, the NMSU Catalog and the bachelor's degree requirements to ensure course transfer. Second language courses are recommended if they are required by the intended bachelor's degree.

(60-61 credits)

A Suggested Plan of Study

The contents of this roadmap may vary depending on initial student placement in mathematics and English. This is only a suggested plan of study for students, and is not intended as a contract. Individual student academic plans may vary. Please contact your academic advisor to create a plan that works for you. Course availability may vary from fall to spring semester and may be subject to modification or change.

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Semester 1		Credits
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 1		4
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	
Area II: Mathematics - Choose course in consultation with academic advisor.		3-4
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		3
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	
Area VI: Creative and Fine Arts - Choose one course from NM General Education Area VI. A list of courses can be found in the NMSU/DACC Catalog.		3
	Credits	**13-14**
Semester 2		
Area I: Communications - English Composition Level 2		3
ENGL 2210G or ENGL 2221G	Professional and Technical Communication or Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
Area I: Communications - Oral Communications		3
COMM 1115G or COMM 1130G	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	
Area III: Laboratory Sciences - Choose one course from NM General Education Area III. A list of courses can be found in the NMSU/DACC Catalog.		4
CJUS 1120	Criminal Law	3

Elective - Choose elective in consultation with academic advisor. If student desires a bachelor in CJUS degree, Spanish or another language is recommended to meet the NMSU 2nd year fluency in a foreign language requirement. Reaching this level of proficiency can require up to 14 credits of coursework depending on student's language placement.		3
	Credits	**16**
Semester 3		
Elective Course		4
Area V: Humanities - PHIL 1120G, PHIL 1145G, PHIL 2110G, or PHIL 2230G recommended; however, any NM General Education Area V course is acceptable.		3
CJUS 2140	Criminal Investigations	3
CJUS 2220	The American Law Enforcement System	3
Elective - Choose elective in consultation with academic advisor. If student desires a bachelor in CJUS degree, Spanish or another language is recommended to meet the NMSU 2nd year fluency in a foreign language requirement. Reaching this level of proficiency can require up to 14 credits of coursework depending on student's language placement.		3
	Credits	**16**
Semester 4		
General Education Elective - An additional Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences course is recommended.		3
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure	3
CJUS 2150	Corrections System	3
ECON 1110G or SOCI 1110G	Survey of Economics or Introduction to Sociology	3
Elective - Choose elective in consultation with academic advisor. If student desires a bachelor in CJUS degree, Spanish or another language is recommended to meet the NMSU 2nd year fluency in a foreign language requirement. Reaching this level of proficiency can require up to 14 credits of coursework depending on student's language placement.		3
	Credits	**15**
	Total Credits	**60-61**