CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE DEGREE

66 credits

See an Advisor or Program Manager for administration changes in 2016-2017 for this degree.

The Associate in Criminal Justice introduces students to three areas of the Criminal Justice system: police, courts, and corrections. This degree is interdisciplinary in nature. Studies include the humanities, law, natural, behavioral and social sciences. The curriculum seeks to balance theoretical inquiry with applied knowledge.

This Associate degree satisfies the first two years of the Distance Education Bachelor of Criminal Justice.

New Mexico Common Core

Area I: Communications
ENGL 111G  Rhetoric and Composition 4
Select one from the following: 3
   ENGL 203G  Business and Professional Communication
   ENGL 218G  Technical and Scientific Communication
   ENGL 211G  Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences
COMM 265G  Principles of Human Communication 3
or COMM 253G  Public Speaking

Area II: Mathematics
Select one from the following: 3
   MATH 210G  Mathematics Appreciation
   MATH 121G  College Algebra
   Higher MATH course

Area III: Science
Select two from two departments: 8
   ASTR 105G  The Planets
   ASTR 110G  Introduction to Astronomy
   BIOL 111G  Natural History of Life
   & 111GL  and Natural History of Life Laboratory
   BIOL 101G  Human Biology
   & 101GL  and Human Biology Laboratory
   BIOL 110G  Contemporary Problems in Biology
   CHEM 110G  Principles and Applications of Chemistry
   C S 171G  Introduction to Computer Science
   E S 110G  Introductory Environmental Science
   GEOG 111G  Geography of the Natural Environment
   or GEOL 111G  Introductory to Geology
   PHYS 110G  The Great Ideas of Physics

Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences
Select 6-9 credits from 2-3 departments: 6-9
   ANTH G courses
   C EP 110G  Human Growth and Behavior
   ECON G courses
   GEOG G courses
   GOVT G courses

LING 200G  Introduction to Language
PSY 201G  Introduction to Psychology
SOC 101G  Introductory Sociology
SOC 201G  Contemporary Social Problems
S WK 221G  Introduction to Social Welfare
W S 201G  Introduction to Women’s Studies

Area V: Humanities/Fine Art
Select 6-9 credits from 2-3 departments: 6-9
   ART 101G  Orientation in Art
   ENGL 115G  Perspectives on Literature
   or ENGL 220G  Introduction to Creative Writing
   HIST 101G  Roots of Modern Europe
   HIST 102G  Modern Europe
   HIST 201G  Introduction to Early American History
   HIST 202G  Introduction to Recent American History
   MUS 101G  An Introduction to Music
   MUS 201G  History of Jazz in Popular Music: A Blending of Cultures
   PHIL G course
   THTR 101G  The World of Theatre

Criminal Justice Core Courses
   C J 101G  Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
   C J 205  Criminal Law 3
   C J 210  The American Law Enforcement System 3
   C J 230  Introduction to Corrections 3
   C J 250  Courts and the Criminal Justice System 3

Related Course Requirements
Select 8 credits from NMSU College of Arts and Sciences second language requirements.

Other Course Requirements
   COLL 101  College/Life Success 3
   C S 110  Computer Literacy 3
   or O ECS 105  Introduction to Information Technology

Electives
Select additional electives to bring total credits to a minimum of 66.

Total Credits 66

Note: A grade of C or better is required in all Criminal Justice courses and any courses filling the Arts & Sciences Core Requirements.

Second Language Requirements
The College of Arts & Sciences requires completion of a second language through the 212 level for the Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree. See the NMSU Catalog for College of Arts and Sciences (http://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences) for additional information on how to satisfy this requirement.

Second Language Requirements:
1. Completion of a second language through the 112 level
2. Completion through the 213 level for native speakers