CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

60 credits

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.

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.

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

The New Mexico General Education (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/grants/general-education/) course list can be found here.

Prefix	Title	Credits
General Education		
Area I: Communications		
English Composition - Level 1		
ENGL 1110G	Composition I	4
English Composition - Level 2		
Select one from the following:		
ENGL 2210G	Professional and Technical Communication Honors	3
or ENGL 2221G	Writing in the Humanities and Social Science	
Oral Communication		
COMM 1115G	Introduction to Communication	3
or COMM 1130G	Public Speaking	
Area II: Mathematics		
Select one from the following:		
MATH 1220G	College Algebra [1]	3
or MATH 1350G	Introduction to Statistics	
Area III: Laboratory Science Course		
Select one course from Area III: Laboratory Science [3]		4
Area IV: Social/Behavioral Sciences		
CJUS 1110G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Select an additonal Area IV course [3]		3
Area V: Humanities [3]		*3*
Recommended to select one of the following: [2]		
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		
Select one course from Area VI: Creative & Fine Arts [3]		3
General Education Elective [3]		*3*
Core Requirements		
CJUS 1120	Criminal Law	3
CJUS 2220	The American Law Enforcement System	3
CJUS 2120	Criminal Courts and Procedure	3
CJUS 2150	Corrections System	3
Second Language Requirement		
Select 8 credits from NMSU College of Arts and Sciences second language requirements.		8
Other Course Requirements		
OECS 105	Introduction to Information Technology	3
or FYEX 1110	First-year Seminar	
Electives, to bring the total credits to 60		
Select 5 credits of electives to bring total credits to a minimum of 60. Math prerequisites may satisfy electives however developmental MATH is not included.		5
Total Credits		**60**

[1] MATH 1220G College Algebra or MATH 1350G Introduction to Statistics are preferred but any Mathematics course that is numbered higher than MATH 1220G is also accepted. Note: Students may need to take prerequisite courses prior to enrolling in the required Mathematics course.

[2] For those students planning to complete the Bachelor of Criminal Justice through NMSU Las Cruces, the Criminal Justice Department prefers a Philosophy course to satisfy the Humanities course.

[3] See the General Education (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/general-education-viewing-wider-world/) section of the catalog for a full list of courses.

Second Language Requirements

The College of Arts & Sciences requires completion of a second language through the 2120 level for the Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree. See the NMSU Catalog for Criminal Justice degree (https://catalogs.nmsu.edu/nmsu/arts-sciences/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-bachelor-criminal-justice/) for additional information on how to satisfy this requirement.

Second Language Requirements:

1. Completion of a second language through the 1120 level
2. Completion through the 2130 level for native speakers