

Degree Offered

Associate in Science
Justice Studies

Curriculum Code: JS.CJ.AS

Program Information

Law enforcement and corrections are among the fastest growing career fields in America, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. A range of job opportunities awaits graduates as America becomes a more security-conscious society.

This program encourages comprehensive understanding of the nature of crime and the goals of the criminal justice system. Students are introduced to organizations, occupations and regulations that govern the criminal justice system. The program prepares students to enter a specific criminal justice field or continue their studies at a four-year college/university. Two themes are critical throughout the program: leadership and ethics.

When You Graduate

You'll be ready for immediate employment or you can transfer to a four-year college. Cumberland has transfer agreements in criminal justice with several colleges, and graduates have transferred to scores of colleges and universities throughout the years.

Some career possibilities include employment with federal, state and county departments or institutions. Those with a bachelor's degree may hold a variety of administrative positions.

As a graduate of a fully accredited community college, your coursework will be received with full credit transfer at most state colleges, public and private universities across the country. The NJ Lampitt bill passed in 2008 by the NJ State legislature assures seamless transfer of credits toward junior standing at NJ state colleges and universities.

This program is designed for students who wish to enter a specific criminal justice field or continue their studies at a four-year college/university. Students are introduced to organizations, occupations and regulations that govern the criminal justice system and a range of job opportunities that await graduates as America becomes a more security-conscious society.

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Program Requirements (60 credits)	Credits
Year 1, Fall Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 207 Administration of Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CS 101 Introduction to Microcomputers or CS 102 Applications on the Microcomputer	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CS 110 Technology Literacy	2
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PA 101 Public Administration	3
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Year 1, Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 102 Criminology & Penology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 104 Criminal Law	3
<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 115 Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> SO 201 Introductory Sociology	3
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Year 2, Fall Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> CS 241 Computer Forensics or PY 209 Abnormal Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 102 English Composition II	3
<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice Program Elective*	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education Diversity Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education Mathematics Elective (excluding MA 115)	3
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Year 2, Spring Semester	
<input type="checkbox"/> CJ 215 Criminal Justice Fieldwork	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education History Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PS 201 American Federal Government or PS 203 State & Local Government	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education Humanities Elective	3
<input type="checkbox"/> General Education Science Elective with lab	4
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	Total Credits 60

***Program Electives:**

Any Criminal Justice course, or CS 241 Computer Forensics (3 cr)

Upon completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Identify the role of each component of the US criminal justice system.
- Demonstrate knowledge of the US Constitution and the constitutional implication of the criminal procedure in the US as applied to arrest, use of force, and search and seizure.
- Identify the moral, ethical and legal obligations of criminal justice professionals.
- Recognize the roles of various criminal justice professions.
- Locate, retrieve and critically evaluate information and information sources related to the profession.

Employment Opportunities

Federal law enforcement agent, lawyer, probation officer, parole officer, public safety planner, legal researcher or paralegal.