

JUSTICE STUDIES

Associate in Applied Science



The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Justice Studies is an interdisciplinary program providing foundational learning in criminal justice and related social sciences.

Upon completion the graduate will be able to:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the sociological and psychological theories of crime causation and evaluation of human behavior
- Apply critical thinking to multiple academic disciplines for ethical analysis of societal issues and conducting community research
- Demonstrate the ability to apply principles of statutory law and due process within the justice system
- Demonstrate interpersonal, written, and presentation skills required for successful employment in a justice-related field

The Justice Studies degree is designed to prepare students for transfer to a four-year institution, and serves as a foundation for studies in several areas, including social services, advocacy, community development, law, and corrections.

Degree Requirements

Semester I		Credit Hours
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
ENG ___*	Select one of the following:	
	ENG 101 College Writing	3
	ENG 105 College Writing Seminar	(4)
COM ___	Elective:	3
	Communication (100 or higher)	
MAT ___*	Elective:	3
	Mathematics (100 or higher)	
SSC 100	Public Service & Social Science Seminar	1
___	Restricted elective: ANT/ECO/POS/PSY/SOC	3
Semester II		
___	Science with lab	4
PHI ___	Elective: Philosophy (101 or higher)	3
HUM ___	Elective: Humanities	3
SSC 200	Research Methods for Social Sciences	3
JUS 210	The Juvenile Justice System	3
Semester III		
JUS 204	Victimology	3
JUS 205	Crisis Intervention for Justice Studies	3
___**	Advising Pathway course	3
___	Elective: General Education	3
___	Elective: Mathematics or Science (100 or higher)	3(4)
Semester IV		
JUS 232	Criminal Psychology	3
JUS 252	Offender Rehabilitation	3
JUS 245	Criminology	3
___**	Advising Pathway course	3
MAT ___*	Elective: Mathematics (122 or higher)	3
Total Credit Hour Requirements		61-63

*Placement determined by assessment test scores and/or prior college coursework

**Any CNL/CRJ/FRN/JUS course



Justice Studies Degree Prerequisites/Requirements:

Students in the Justice Studies program will be subject to a criminal background check. A criminal conviction will not automatically prevent a person from acceptance into the program. The applicant would be denied acceptance if a she or he has a disqualifying criminal conviction or pending criminal charges. Such conviction or conduct prohibits a person from being certified or licensed as a police officer in the State of Maine.