

WESTERN DAKOTA

TECHNICAL COLLEGE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Applied Science, 63 Credit Hours, 18-Month Program

As the population grows, so does the need for trained workers in a variety of criminal justice fields. This program will graduate skilled technicians who are able to bring value to the criminal justice field in multiple ways because they will have a broad understanding of the criminal justice system and will be skilled to fill a variety of roles.

This program has been designed to be broad in nature and to include coursework in a wide variety of criminal justice topics. Students will complete classes in criminal justice, corrections, juvenile justice, criminal law, criminal investigation, ethics in criminal justice, forensics and crime scene investigation, probation and parole, security, terrorism and counterterrorism, domestic violence, and more.

Course	No.	Course Title	Credit
General Education Requirements			
CSC	105	MICROCOMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS I	3
ENGL	101	COMPOSITION I*	3
ENGL	201	COMPOSITION II***	3
MATH	105	MATHEMATICAL REASONING**** <i>or</i>	3
MATH	101	INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA** <i>or higher</i>	
PSYC	101	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY	3
SOC	100	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	3
Total			18
Technical Requirements			
CJUS	119	CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURES	3
CJUS	123	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS	3
CJUS	124	JUVENILE METHODS	3
CJUS	200	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
CJUS	201	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJUS	202	EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATIONS FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROFESSIONALS	3
CJUS	210	CONTEMPORARY SECURITY PRACTICES	3
CJUS	215	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CJUS	225	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	3
CJUS	229	CORRECTIONS	3
CJUS	230	AGENCY ORGANIZATION AND MANAGEMENT	3
CJUS	235	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJUS	240	COURT SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES	3
CJUS	245	LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES <i>or</i>	3
CJUS	299	INTERNSHIP	
CJUS	250	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	3
Total			45

* Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Basic Writing

**Prerequisite: Acceptable ACCUPLACER score or Elementary Algebra

***Prerequisite: Composition I

****Prerequisite: ACCUPLACER score

Clinicals, practicums, and internships may include, but are not limited to, differential shifts (evenings, nights, weekends, and holidays) to meet industry expectations. This may require travel outside the Rapid City area.

Semester breakdown on next page

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Semester Breakdown AAS

First Semester			Second Semester		
		CR			CR
CJUS 200	Community Corrections	3	CJUS 123	Criminal Investigations	3
CJUS 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJUS 124	Juvenile Methods	3
CSC 105	Microcomputer Software Applications I	3	CJUS 210	Contemporary Security Practices	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3	ENGL 101	Composition I	3
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3	MATH 105	Mathematical Reasoning <i>or</i>	3
			MATH 101	Intermediate Algebra <i>or higher</i>	
Total Credit Hours		15	Total Credit Hours		15
Third Semester			Fourth Semester		
		CR			CR
CJUS 119	Criminal Law and Procedures	3	CJUS 229	Corrections	3
CJUS 202	Effective Communications for Criminal Justice Professionals	3	CJUS 230	Agency Organization and Management	3
CJUS 215	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3	CJUS 235	Criminology	3
CJUS 225	Domestic Violence	3	CJUS 240	Court Systems and Practices	3
CJUS 250	Constitutional Law	3	CJUS 245	Law Enforcement Operations and Procedures <i>or</i>	3
ENGL 201	Composition II	3	CJUS 299	Internship	
Total Credit Hours		18	Total Credit Hours		15

If you are or have been convicted, pleaded guilty or no contest to, or received a suspended imposition of sentence for a felony or certain misdemeanors, you are advised that you may not be able to complete all course requirements for your chosen program, you may be prevented from taking required certification/licensure examinations in your chosen program field, and you may be prevented from gaining employment in your program field.