

## Criminal Justice · Associate of Arts

The study of Criminal Justice provides an in-depth analysis of the three main components of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, the judicial system, and corrections. The program focuses closely on criminology, substantive criminal law, and constitutional law. Criminal Justice courses place a strong emphasis on reading and comprehension skills, written and verbal communication, critical thinking, and empathic awareness of cultural diversity.

### Career Information

Career paths for Criminal Justice degree holders lead to a variety of federal, state, and local criminal justice agencies. These include correctional institutions, juvenile corrections and varied treatment facilities, law enforcement agencies, courts, private security, and forensic investigation work.

**Course Map. Where students have options, recommended courses appear (in brackets).**

<b>Fall 1/ First Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
ENG 121 CRJ 110 COM 115 or COM 125 Social Science (PSY101) History (HIS 121, 122, 111 or 112)	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Complete one CRJ and one ENG course with C or higher Maintain at least 2.0 GPA
<b>Spring 1/ Second Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
ENG 122 MAT 120 or higher (MAT 120*) CRJ 125 Social and Behavioral Science (SOC 101) Approved Elective(POS 111**)	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Complete all ENG and MAT requirements with C or higher Maintain at least 2.0 GPA Complete scholarship applications early! Start visiting Transfer schools
<b>Fall 2/ Third Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
Arts and Humanities (LIT 115) CRJ 135 CRJ 145 Natural and Physical Science (BIO 105) Approved Elective(SOC 231)	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Submit Graduation Planning Sheet! Apply for admission at Transfer school(s) Maintain at least 2.0 GPA
<b>Spring 2/ Final Semester ~15 credit hours</b>	
CRJ 205 or CRJ 230 Natural and Physical Science (AST 101) Arts and Humanities (PHI 113***) Approved Elective(PSY 249)	<b><u>Milestones:</u></b> Maintain at least 2.0 GPA Complete scholarship applications early! Reach out to department chair/faculty advisor at Transfer school

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**Valid for school year  
2018/2019**

Sample Schedules (recommended requirements and electives used as an example)

Full time 2 years

<b>Fall 1</b>	<b>Credits 15</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Credits 16</b>
ENG 121	3	ENG 122	3
PSY 101	3	MAT 120*	4
HIS 121	3	SOC 101	3
CRJ 110	3	POS 111**	3
COM 115	3	CRJ 125	3
<b>Fall 2</b>	<b>Credits 16</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Credits 13</b>
LIT 115	3	CRJ 205	3
BIO 105	4	AST 101	4
CRJ 135	3	PSY 249	3
CRJ 145	3	PHI 113***	3
SOC 231	3		

Part time 3 years (requires summer semesters and two semesters with 3 courses)

<b>Fall 1</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>	<b>Spring 1</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>	<b>Summer 1</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>
ENG 121	3	ENG 122	3	PHI 113***	3
CRJ 110	3	CRJ 125	3	SOC 101	3
<b>Fall 2</b>	<b>Credits 9</b>	<b>Spring 2</b>	<b>Credits 7</b>	<b>Summer 2</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>
CRJ 135	3	MAT 120*	4	LIT 115	3
CRJ 145	3	CRJ 205	3	PSY 101	3
SOC 231	3				
<b>Fall 3</b>	<b>Credits 7</b>	<b>Spring 3</b>	<b>Credits 7</b>	<b>Summer 3</b>	<b>Credits 6</b>
BIO 105	4	AST 101	4	POS 111**	3
COM 115	3	PSY 249	3	HIS 121	3

**Notes:**

\*UCCS prefers MAT-120. Please see chair for school-specific MAT transfer requirements.

\*\*UCCS Prefers POS 111 for one of the three elective courses.

\*\*\*UCCS prefers PHI 113 for Arts and Humanities course.

**Degree Transfer**

This degree transfers to the following Colorado Public Four-Year institutions of higher education:

- University of Colorado, Denver (B.A. Criminal Justice)
- University of Colorado, Colorado Springs (B.A. Criminal Justice)
- Colorado Mesa University (B.A. Criminal Justice; Criminal Justice or Law Enforcement concentrations)
- Metropolitan State University of Denver (B.S. Criminal Justice & Criminology)
- University of Northern Colorado (B.A. Criminal Justice)
- Colorado State University-Global (B.S. Criminal Justice or Human Services)