

## **Criminal Justice**

*Associate in Applied Science – 61-63 credit hours*

**Purpose:** The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Criminal Justice is designed with a three-fold purpose: (1) to prepare graduates for entry level positions relevant to law enforcement, (2) to prepare students for upper division coursework at universities and colleges where a bachelor's degree is desired, and (3) to respond to the growing demand of law enforcement employees seeking to upgrade their skills and knowledge base for career advancement with a college degree.

**Career Opportunities:** Graduates of the program will be qualified for positions such as detectives and criminal investigators, correctional officers and jailers, forensic science technicians and protective service workers including TSA agents, security systems personnel, homeland security officers, reserve officer, safety officers, intake worker positions, jail transport officers.

**Program Education Outcomes:** Upon completion of the Associate in Applied Science Degree in the Criminal Justice Program, the graduate is prepared to:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the sociological and psychological theories of crime causation and evaluation of human behavior.
2. Apply critical thinking and problem solving techniques to the criminal justice and computer forensics environment.
3. Demonstrate the ability to apply principles of statutory law and due process within the criminal justice system.
4. Demonstrate interpersonal, written, and presentation skills required for successful employment in a criminal justice field.
5. Consistently exhibit ethical behavior and respect for a diverse community, applying services equitably to all people.
6. Be a responsible member of society and the workforce, applying knowledge skills and abilities, ultimately, for the betterment of one's local community.

**NOTE:** All students taking Criminal Justice courses will be subject to a criminal background check. A criminal conviction will not automatically prevent a person from being accepted into the program. The applicant would be denied acceptance if they have a "disqualifying conviction" or committed "disqualifying conduct" as defined by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. Such conviction / conduct prohibits a person from being certified/licensed as a police officer in the State of Maine.

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<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>		
CMJ101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CMJ122	Criminal Law and Report Writing I	3
ENG 101	College Composition	3
FYE100	First Year Experience	1
MAT106	College Mathematics for Technologies	3
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
CMJ212	Criminal Investigation and Report Writing II	3
CMJ	Advising Pathway Course	3
CMJ	Advising Pathway Course	3-4
PHI101 or PHI115	Intro to Philosophy or Ethics	3
PSC101	American National Government	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15-16</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
CMJ220	Police Operations	3
CMJ245	Criminology	3
CMJ250	Criminalistics	3
Elective	General Education Elective	3
ENG107	Speech	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
BIO120	General Biology with Lab	4
CMJ201	Civil Liberties	3
CMJ297	Criminal Justice Internship or Restrictive Elective	3
CMJ	Advising Pathway Course	3
Elective	General Education Elective	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15-16</b>