

(082) Associate in Applied Science

This program prepares students for careers in criminal justice that are outside of law enforcement, such as corrections, court services, dispatching, court advocacy, security loss prevention, and private investigations.

Work and Employment

This applied science program is designed to prepare students to work in correctional institutions, judicial centers, security facilities, and locations where the criminal justice system is utilized. Younger students who wish to rise in the ranks are advised to follow a transfer program and earn a bachelor's degree because higher education has become increasingly important.

Special Considerations

Justice Affairs students should cultivate their communication skills. Effective work in the justice system is based heavily on the ability to communicate well in the field. Students should also be aware of the strength and physical agility requirements required of applicants by criminal justice agencies in Illinois. The college offers a wide range of physical education courses and a super circuit fitness center. Previous criminal record and felony convictions can negatively impact the opportunity to gain employment in the field.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

Academic Advising, 815/835-6354;

Daniel McCollum, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, 815/835-6256.

Major Field Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 30

- CJS Elective-CJS 250 Recommended-3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 200 - Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 214 - Correctional Counseling and Treatment 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 227 - Probation and Parole 3 Semester hour(s)
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Microcomputers - Windows 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 270 - Substance Abuse 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Criminal Justice Core Courses - Sem/Hrs: 15

- CJS 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 120 - Introduction to Corrections 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 135 - Criminal Law 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 208 - Juvenile Delinquency 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 238 - Criminology 3 Semester hour(s)

General Education Requirements - Sem/Hrs: 18

- Communications (ENG 101, 111 or 103 required) 6 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Social/Behavioral Science (SOC 111 required) 3 Semester hour(s)
- Physical/Life Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- Mathematics (MAT 106 or higher required) 3 Semester hour(s)

Electives (see your major field advisor): 3 semester hours

SVCC Requirement - Sem/Hrs: 1

- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Total Hours Required for A.A.S. Degree: 64

Suggested Program

First Semester - Sem/Hrs: 16

- Mathematics (MAT 106 or higher) 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 120 - Introduction to Corrections 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 101 - Composition I 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)
- FYE 101 - First Year Experience 1 Semester hour(s)

Second Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- CJS 135 - Criminal Law 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 200 - Ethics in Criminal Justice 3 Semester hour(s)
- ENG 111 - Business and Technical Communication 3 Semester hour(s)
- or
- ENG 103 - Composition II 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth and Development 3 Semester hour(s)
- SPE 131 - Introduction to Oral Communication 3 Semester hour(s)

Third Semester - Sem/Hrs: 15

- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 208 - Juvenile Delinquency 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 227 - Probation and Parole 3 Semester hour(s)
- HSV 270 - Substance Abuse 3 Semester hour(s)
- SOC 111 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Semester hour(s)

Fourth Semester - Sem/Hrs: 18

- Physical/Life Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS Elective-CJS 250 Recommended 3 Semester hour(s)
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Microcomputers - Windows 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 238 - Criminology 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 214 - Correctional Counseling and Treatment 3 Semester hour(s)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology 3 Semester hour(s)

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