

## INACTIVE PROGRAM

### **\*\*This degree is not currently offered**

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**

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- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Daniel McCollum, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, 815-835-6256

## **Total Hours Required - 64 Hours**

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### **Major Field Requirements - 30 Hours**

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- CJS ELECTIVE-CJS 250 RECOMMENDED-3 SEMESTER HOUR(S)
- CJS 200 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 214
- CJS 227
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- COM 131 - Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 - Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology (3 Semester Hours)
- PSY 270 - Substance Abuse (3 Semester Hours)

### **Criminal Justice Core Courses - 15 Hours**

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

### **General Education Requirements - 18 Hours**

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- 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**

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**SVCC Requirement - 1 Hours**

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- FYE 101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)

**Suggested Program**

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**First Semester - 16 Hours**

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

**Second Semester - 15 Hours**

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- CJS 135 - Criminal Law (3 Semester Hours)
  - CJS 200 - Ethics in Criminal Justice (3 Semester Hours)
  - ENG 111 - Bus/Technical Communication (3 Semester Hours)
- OR**
- ENG 103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
  - PSY 200 - Human Growth & Development (3 Semester Hours)

**Third Semester - 15 Hours**

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- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 208 - Juvenile Delinquency (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 227
- SOC 111 - Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

**Fourth Semester - 18 Hours**

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- Physical/Life Science 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS Elective-CJS 250 Recommended 3 Semester hour(s)
- CIS 109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 238 - Criminology (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 214
- PSY 217 - Abnormal Psychology (3 Semester Hours)