Community college students interested in completing bachelor's degrees in Criminal Justice and related majors are strongly encouraged to complete an Associate degree prior to transfer. Since admission is competitive, however, completion of these courses alone does not guarantee admission.

Criminal Justice (CJS) courses will be accepted in transfer by baccalaureate schools, but they may or may not substitute for professional coursework required for the major. The courses will be accepted as general electives if not accepted as core or elective courses in the major.

Note: Students should be knowledgeable in the use of computers, i.e., be able to negotiate an operating system; access the Internet; and use word processing, database and spreadsheet software.

Students who have already chosen the university to which they plan to transfer should consult that institution's catalog or department advisor and an SVCC academic advisor in planning their program. Transfer guides for some universities are available at svcc.edu/transfer.

Criminal Justice - IAI Recommended Baccalaureate Curriculum

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

- Academic Advising, 815-835-6354
- Stephen F. Miko, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice, 815-835-6256

Total Hours Required - 65 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16 Hours

- *Mathematics 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 101 Intro to Criminal Justice (3 Semester Hours)
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 - CJS 130 Criminal Investigation (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 101 Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE 101 First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSY 103 Introduction to Psychology (3 Semester Hours)

Second Semester - 16 Hours

- Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)
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 - CJS 135 Criminal Law (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG 103 Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC 163 Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC 111 Introduction to Sociology (3 Semester Hours)

Third Semester - 16-17 Hours

- Humanities 3 Semester hour(s)
- ***Life Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)
- CJS 120 Introduction to Corrections (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 208 Juvenile Delinquency (3 Semester Hours)
- COM 131 Intro to Oral Communication (3 Semester Hours)

Fourth Semester - 16-17 Hours

- ***Physical Science 3-4 Semester hour(s)
- Humanities/Fine Arts 3 Semester hour(s)
- Personal Development 1 Semester hour(s)
- Electives 3 Semester hour(s)
- CIS 109 Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS 238 Criminology (3 Semester Hours)

Footnotes

- *Transfer institution will determine most appropriate mathematics course(s).
- ** Western Illinois University recommends completion of CJS 101, 130, 135 and 208. Other CJS courses transfer as elective credit.
- ***One lab science required.