

Academic Programs

Associate in Arts Degree with a Concentration in Criminal Justice (624)

The concentration in Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement prepares students to transfer to four-year universities to pursue a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and/or Law Enforcement.

Criminal Justice - IAI Recommended Course Sequence

Transfer Consideration

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

Competitive Admissions

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.

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Special Consideration

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.

Program Contacts at Sauk Valley Community College

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

Minimum Total Credit Hours - 65 Hours

Suggested Program

First Semester - 16 Hours

- *Mathematics 3 Semester hour(s)
- CJS101 - Intro to Criminal Justice (3 Semester Hours)
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CJS130 - Criminal Investigation (3 Semester Hours)
- ENG101 - Composition I (3 Semester Hours)
- FYE101 - First Year Experience (1 Semester Hours)
- PSY103 - 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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CJS135 - Criminal Law (3 Semester Hours)

- ENG103 - Composition II (3 Semester Hours)
- PSC163 - Am Government & Politics (3 Semester Hours)
- SOC111 - 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)
- CJS120 - Introduction to Corrections (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS208 - Juvenile Delinquency (3 Semester Hours)
- COM131 - 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)
- CIS109 - Introduction to Computers (3 Semester Hours)
- CJS238 - 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.