

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

The Criminal Justice Program prepares the student for entry level work in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, court systems, loss safety and prevention, and other related occupations. The Criminal Justice vocations evolved from jobs with minimal requirements to employment positions that require complex knowledge and skills. Criminal Justice Program Curriculum provides the student with a foundation of theory, principles, and techniques employed by the criminal justice agencies. Graduates who complete an AAS Criminal Justice Degree may seek job opportunities on the federal, state, county, municipal levels of government, and private sectors of the criminal justice field.

Progression in the Criminal Justice Program is contingent upon the achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each CRJ course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale). The grading scale for criminal justice courses with a Pass/Fail scale, the grade of "P or Pass" meets the requirement for the Criminal Justice Program.

Criminal background checks are currently not required for the Criminal Justice AAS Program; however students should understand that certain disqualifiers may hinder employment in the field of criminal justice. Such disqualifiers include, but are not limited to the following: criminal convictions, substance abuse, offensive social media activities, excessive traffic related offenses, and visible tattoos and body piercings. Students seeking employment in the criminal justice field or related field should research the requirements and disqualifiers of their desired areas or agencies of employment.

Degrees

- Criminal Justice - AAS (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/>)
 - Conservation Law Enforcement Track (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/#conservationlawenforcementtrack>)
 - Corrections Track (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/#correctionstrack>)
 - Criminal Justice Track (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/#criminaljusticetrack>)
 - Law Enforcement Track (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/#lawenforcementtrack>)
 - Security and Loss Prevention Track (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-aas/#securityandlosspreventiontrack>)

Certificates

- Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/advanced-law-enforcement-certificate/>)
- Advanced Technologies in Criminal Justice - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/advanced-technologies-criminal-justice-certificate/>)
- Community Reentry Specialist - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/community-reentry-specialist-certificate/>)

- Computer Forensics - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/computer-forensics-certificate/>)
- Corrections - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/corrections-certificate/>)
- Criminal Behavior - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-behavior-certificate/>)
- Criminal Justice Core - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/criminal-justice-core-certificate/>)
- Industrial Safety and Security - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/industrial-safety-security-certificate/>)
- Law Enforcement - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/law-enforcement-certificate/>)
- Security and Loss Prevention - Certificate (<https://catalog.kctcs.edu/programs-of-study/aas/criminal-justice/security-loss-prevention-certificate/>)