Program Description
The AAS in criminal justice is designed to prepare students for careers within the criminal justice system. The program offers a combination of liberal arts and specialized career courses to help students upon entry into the criminal justice field. The curriculum is offered for those already employed in the criminal justice profession as well as for high school students interested in pursuing careers with local, state, or private agencies within the field. Students are encouraged to seek assistance from criminal justice faculty in making course selections to suit their career goals and interests. Those students interested in transferring to obtain a bachelor's degree from a four-year college or university should consult advisors regarding our AA degree in general studies.

Program Outcomes
Upon completion of this program a student will be able to:

• Demonstrate an understanding of the criminal law and of the criminal justice process (police, courts, and corrections).
• Explain the function and role of various criminal justice practitioners in the operation of an ethical and professional system of justice that exists within a diverse society.
• Analyze the history, functions, policies, and procedures used in each subsystem of justice and creatively offer alternatives to current practices.
• Explain the impact of political and economic considerations as it relates to criminal justice theory, research, practice, and policy.
• Demonstrate the ability to proficiently write about criminal justice issues while utilizing academic sources in a n organized and coherent manner.
Suggested Course Sequence
A suggested course sequence for full-time students follows. All students should review this advising guide and consult an advisor.

First Semester
- ENGL 101 - Introduction to College Writing 3 semester hours *
- Mathematics Foundation 3 semester hours (MATF)
- CCJS 110 - Administration of Justice 3 semester hours (BSSD)
- COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)
- OR
- COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication 3 semester hours (GEEL)
- SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 semester hours (GEEL)

Second Semester
- English Foundation 3 semester hours (ENGF)
- CCJS 201 - Introduction to Law Enforcement 3 semester hours
- OR
- CCJS 230 - Introduction to Corrections 3 semester hours
- CCJS 221 - Criminal Law 3 semester hours
- PSYC 102 - General Psychology 3 semester hours
- Arts or Humanities Distribution 3 semester hours (ARTD or HUMD)

Third Semester
- CCJS 215 - Organization and Administration 3 semester hours
- POLI 101 - American Government 3 semester hours
- Natural Sciences Distribution with Lab 4 semester hours (NSLD)
- CCJS Elective 3 semester hours ‡
- Elective 2 semester hours

Fourth Semester
- CCJS 242 - Theory and Practice 3 semester hours
- CCJS 244 - Contemporary Issues 3 semester hours
- CCJS or Behavioral and Social Sciences Elective 3 semester hours
- CCJS Elective 3 semester hours ‡
- Elective 3 semester hours

Total Credit Hours: 60
* ENGL 101/ENGL 101A, if needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.
‡ CCJS electives include CCJS 211, CCJS 216, CCJS 222, CCJS 232, CCJS 246, CCJS 250, and CCJS 255. Students can also use CCJS 201 or CCJS 230 as a CCJS elective if not already used to satisfy a program requirement.