CRIMINAL JUSTICE AREA OF CONCENTRATION, ARTS AND SCIENCES AA
Total Credits: 60
Catalog Edition: 2024-2025

Program Description
The criminal justice area of concentration, arts and sciences associate of arts is designed for students planning to transfer to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and/or criminology. The pathway exposes students to important criminal justice coursework while incorporating key General Education courses needed for transfer. The program is structured to prepare students who ultimately plan to serve the community in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, probation and parole, court services, or law. **This program can be completed either on campus or online.**

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

- Demonstrate an understanding of the criminal law and criminal justice process (police, courts, and corrections) through writing assignments.
- Explain the functions and roles of the various criminal justice practitioners in the operation of an ethical and professional system of justice that exists within a diverse society.
- Analyze the relationship between criminological research and theory as it relates to the implementation of criminal justice policies and procedures.
- Use academic sources to research and write organized and coherent assignments on criminal justice issues.
- Describe employment pathways and identify employment opportunities in the field of criminal justice.

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For more information, please visit: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/criminaljustice

To view the Advising Worksheet, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/_documents/counseling-and-advising/advising-worksheets/current-catalog/617.pdf

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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* *

MATH 117 - Elements of Statistics *3 semester hours* (MATF) ***

CCJS 110 - Administration of Justice *3 semester hours* (BSSD) ***

COMM 108 - Foundations of Human Communication *3 semester hours* (GEIR)

OR

COMM 112 - Business and Professional Speech Communication *3 semester hours* (GEIR)

ARTD, HUMD, or HLTH Course *3 semester hours (GEIR)*

Third Semester

BSAD 210 - Statistics for Business and Economics *3 semester hours* ***

Natural Sciences Distribution with Laboratory *4 semester hours (NSLD)*

Humanities Distribution *3 semester hours (HUMD) #*

CCJS 221 - Criminal Law *3 semester hours* ***

PSYC 100 - General Psychology *3 semester hours*

Second Semester

English Foundation *3 semester hours (ENGF)*

SOCY 100 - Introduction to Sociology *3 semester hours* (BSSD)

Natural Sciences Distribution without Laboratory *3 semester hours (NSND)*

Arts Distribution *3 semester hours (ARTD)*

POLI 101 - American Government *3 semester hours*

Fourth Semester

CCJS 200 - Criminology *3 semester hours* ***

CCJS 222 - Criminal Evidence *3 semester hours*

CCJS Elective *3 semester hours* ****

CCJS Elective or Elective *3 semester hours* ****

Elective *2 semester hours* **

Total Credit Hours: 60

* If needed for ENGL 102/ENGL 103, or elective.

** Students transferring to the University of Maryland should make sure they do not exceed the 60 credits required for graduation and transfer.

*** Students planning to transfer to the UMCP Program @ Shady Grove must complete these five identified courses with a minimum grade of C.

**** Except CCJS 255 (Independent Study in Criminal Justice).

Students who began prior to fall 2012 must take an English literature or a history course to meet the UMD humanities requirement.

AA and AS programs require one global and cultural perspectives (GCP) General Education course.

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Transfer Opportunities

Montgomery College has partnerships with multiple four-year institutions and the tools to help you transfer. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/transfer or http://artsys.usmd.edu .

Get Involved at MC!

Employers and Transfer Institutions are looking for experience outside the classroom.

MC Student Clubs and Organizations: https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/life-at-mc/student-life/

Related Careers

Some require a Bachelor's degree.
Police officer, sheriff deputy, state trooper, federal law enforcement agent, fish & wildlife officer, correctional officer, probation & parole agent, juvenile services caseworker/ probation agent, private security industry.

Students are strongly encouraged to explore the multiple professional opportunities in criminal justice and investigate the specific academic, professional, physical and background requirements established by each of the agencies. Many criminal justice agencies have significant background requirements that must be met prior to employment. Students are encouraged to meet with a criminal justice faculty advisor to discuss their specific career and academic goals.

Career Services

Montgomery College offers a range of services to students and alumni to support the career planning process. To learn more, please visit https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/career

Career Coach

A valuable online search tool that will give you the opportunity to explore hundreds of potential careers or job possibilities in Maryland and the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Get started today on your road to a new future and give it a try. For more information, please visit https://montgomerycollege.emsicc.com

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