# Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

Learn how the criminal justice and corrections systems operate — and prepare for a career that allows you to support the agencies, systems and procedures involved in criminal justice. Our customizable Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice is transfer-friendly when you optimize your work experience, transfer credits and certifications.

Courses in this program are just 5 weeks long, so they won’t get in the way of your busy life. Plus, There’s no application fee, no SAT test requirements, and we’ll even request your prior college transcripts for you.

## Top skills learned in this program:

- Enforcement
- Sociology
- Communication
Projected job growth:
According to Bureau of Labor Statistics

What can you do with an Associate's in Criminal Justice?

An AACJS can prepare you to be a:

- Security Officer
- Jail Officer
- Deputy Jailer
- Corrections Corporal
- Community Corrections Officer
- Correctional Sergeant
- Corrections Specialist
- Corrections Officer (CO)
- Correctional Officer
- Juvenile Corrections Officer
- Detention Officer

Institutional accreditation

University of Phoenix is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC), hlcommission.org. Since 1978, University of Phoenix has been continually accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.
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Total credits required: 60

Requirements and prerequisites

You'll need 60 credits to complete this associate’s in criminal justice. Your course schedule may vary based on transferable credits or credits earned through the University’s Prior Learning Assessment.

6 Core courses

Here’s where you’ll pick up the bulk of your program-specific knowledge. By the time you finish these courses, you should have the confidence and skills needed in a criminal justice environment.

- CJS/201: Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CJS/221: Cultural Diversity in Criminal Justice
- CJS/241: Introduction to Police Theory and Practices
- CJS/251: Introduction to Criminal Court Systems
- CJS/255: Introduction to Corrections
- CJS/245: Juvenile Justice Systems and Processes

12 General Education

These courses lay the foundation for all our degree programs. Because communication, math and writing skills aren’t just universally applicable in this field — they’re useful in daily life.

- GEN/201: Foundations for University Success
- PSY/110: Psychology of Learning
- ENG/110: English Composition I
- HUM/115: Critical Thinking in Everyday Life
- FP/100T: Everyday Economics and Finances
- ENG/210: English Composition II
- REL/134: World Religious Traditions II
- SCI/163T: Elements of Health and Wellness
- HUM/186: Media Influences on American Culture
- CJS/215: Introduction to Forensics
- MTH/215T: Quantitative Reasoning I
- MTH/216T: Quantitative Reasoning II
- POL/115: American National Government
- SOC/100: Introduction to Sociology
Schedule

Your academic counselor will help you schedule your courses for an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice.

What you'll learn

When you earn your online associate's in criminal justice, you’ll be equipped with a concrete set of skills you can apply on the job.

You’ll learn how to:

• Explain the foundational components of the criminal justice system.
• Apply interpersonal and collaborative communication skills.
• Explain societal issues in the criminal justice system.

Program Purpose Statement

The University's Criminal Justice programs are educational degree programs. For those interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement or corrections or as a peace officer with any particular local, state, federal, tribal or international agency, there are numerous additional qualifications (and often disqualifications), depending on the position. Before enrolling in a Criminal Justice program, potential students are highly encouraged to check with the relevant agency for a complete list of position requirements. The University makes no representations regarding whether any particular University program will qualify a graduate for any such position.

*While widely available, not all programs are available to residents of all states. Please check with a University Enrollment Representative.

Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projections are not specific to University of Phoenix students or graduates.