

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

2009-2010 Program Option:

Associate in Science Degree (64)

See also: Law Enforcement, Investigative Sciences for Law Enforcement, Investigative Sciences for Criminal Justice

Associate in Science Degree

Total Number of Credits: 64

Program Description: This AS degree provides students with a broad-based liberal arts education to help prepare them for the rigors of the criminal justice profession and advancement of knowledge of the criminal justice system. Program curriculum includes criminal law and procedure, policing, investigation, corrections and juvenile justice. Each course is designed to illustrate the social, legal and ethical issues relevant to the criminal justice profession today. Completion of this AS degree provides a foundation allowing students to transfer to a four-year academic institution.

Career/Occupational Requirements: 29 credits

HLTH 1060	Drug Education	3	<i>Select 8 credits from the following:</i>		
CJS 2081	Police in the Community	3	CJS 2060	Emerging Technologies/Investigative Science	2
CJS 2083	Introduction to Corrections	3	CJS 2070	Private Sector Security & Investigation	3
CJS 2085	Juvenile Justice and Delinquency	3	CJS 2091	Crime/Incident Mapping for Public Safety I	3
CJS 2089	Criminal Law	3	CJS 2092	Crime/Incident Mapping for Public Safety II	3
CJS 2095	Interview, Interrogation/Investigation	3	CJS 2093	Terrorist & Extremist Groups	3
CJS 2097	Homeland Defense	3	CJS 2099	Investigative Sciences Capstone	2
			CFIT 2065	Introduction to Computer Forensics	2
			EMS 1015	First Responder	3
			POLS 1031	American Government	3
			PSYC 2021	Abnormal Psychology	3
			SPAN 1005	Spanish for Public Safety Professionals I	3

General Education/MnTC Requirements: 35 credits

Goal 1 – Communication: 7 credits

ENGL 1021	Composition I	4
Select one of the following COMM courses:		
COMM 1031	Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM 1041	Small Group Communication	3
COMM 1051	Intercultural Communication	3

Goal 2 - Critical Thinking is automatically fulfilled when all other MnTC goals are complete

Goal 3 and/or Goal 4 -Sciences/Mathematical/Logical Reasoning: 6 credits (See MnTC Course List for options.)

BIOL 1023	Introduction to Forensic Biology - required	4
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Goal 5 – History/Social and Behavioral Sciences: 16 credits

PSYC 1020	General Psychology	4
SOC 1020	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 1080	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System	3
SOC 2051	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	3
SOC 2087	Criminology and Criminal Behavior	3

Goal 6 - Humanities and Fine Arts: 6 credits

Select two courses from two different disciplines from the following:

ARTS 1031	Photography I	3
ENGL 2077	Mystery	3
ENGL2095	Ethics and the Environment: The Literature of Place	3
HUM 1030	Culture and Civilization of Spanish Speaking Peoples	3
PHIL 1021	Introduction to Western Philosophy	3
PHIL 1031	Ethics	3

Goals 7-10: Three credits in each of two of these goals (automatically fulfilled by required courses)

Additional Requirements: Students are required to complete 80 hours of criminal justice related service learning to complete this program. This requirement will be met upon completion of CJS 2081 & CJS 2085 with a grade of C or higher. Students are advised **not** to enroll in both classes during the same semester.

General Requirements for the AS degree:

1. At least 64 earned college-level credits (numbered 1000 or above). At least 20 credits must be earned at Century College.
2. A grade of C or better in Engl 1021.
3. Century college-level GPA of 2.0; Required career and occupational courses GPA of 2.0; MnTC GPA of 2.0.

Assessment: *Assessments are required for all students* before registering for classes. Students may be required to take developmental courses in English, Reading and Mathematics based upon their assessment scores. For important information and exemptions see www.century.edu/futurestudents/assessment.

The Criminal Justice AS degree is intended for students who want to work in Law Enforcement or the Criminal Justice System in a non-licensed capacity. There are a number of occupations in these fields that do not require licensing and the trend is for more occupations to be designated as “non-licensed.” Students who want to get licensed in Law Enforcement and choose this degree will need additional credits. Consult with a Century counselor, program instructors, and/or Mylan Masson at the PLC (651-999-7600) regarding the pros/cons of this option.*

References to the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum (MnTC): On this guidesheet, notations such as “Goal 1-Communication: 3 credits” are used to refer to the goals of the Minnesota General Education Transfer Curriculum. Refer to the MnTC Course List for the specific courses from which students may choose to fulfill the MnTC requirements of the program, found in the catalog, the Counseling Center, and on the Century website. Students should be aware that it may be necessary to select additional MnTC credits beyond the minimum required in each goal area, to reach the total MnTC/General Education credits required for their program. References to “two disciplines” means students must complete courses from two different categories under that goal, for example, Philosophy and Humanities in Goal 6.

Career Information: Counselors are available in the Counseling and Career Center, Room 2410 West, to assist with educational and career planning. Resources available include career interest and personality inventories and print and web-based occupational and educational information, e.g., occupational descriptions, employment outlook, earnings, education/training requirements and sources. Consult the **GPS LifePlan** link on the Century website for information on these and more resources for your career, work, and educational planning!

Transfer: Some programs are intended primarily for employment preparation rather than transfer to a four-year institution. Some courses may not transfer to a number of four-year colleges. If you are considering the possibility of transfer, you may wish to talk with a counselor or the program instructor before registering to discuss your goals. See Century counselors regarding articulation agreements with this degree.

Time Limit for Meeting Graduation Requirements: See Century College catalog “Graduation” for information.

Academic Petitions: Any exceptions to the program requirements must be petitioned through the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Important Telephone Numbers: (651 Area Code)

Admission Office 773-1700
 Counseling Office 779-3285
 Financial Aid Office 779-3305

Program Instructors:

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 Office: 3563 East
 Mary Vukelich 779-3981
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*See the Law Enforcement guidesheet and the PLC brochure for information on the prerequisite courses to apply to the Police Licensing Core. EMS 1015, First Responder, is required before taking the POST licensing exam.