

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Award: Associate of Applied Science Degree

Major: Criminal Justice

Additional Program Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/adj/>

Potential Additional Funding Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/g3/>

Possible occupations for graduates (depending upon the level of education and training): police officer, state trooper, deputy sheriff, jailer, correctional officer, loss prevention officer, dispatcher, police records technician, deputy clerk (court), security officer.

The A.A.S. degree program with a major in Criminal Justice is designed to be a highly flexible and customizable program for people who seek full-time employment in the criminal justice system as well as for in-service officers. Some courses in this degree may be applied to baccalaureate degrees at four-year institutions.

Required Courses Curriculum

First Semester		Credit Hours
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital Literacy and Computer Applications	3
Select one of the following:		2
HLT/PED/EMS	Health/Physical Education/Emergency Medical Services Elective	
ADJ 138	Defensive Tactics	
SDV 101	Orientation to (Criminal Justice, Law, and Forensics Professions)	1
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
ADJ 133	Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional	3
Select one of the following:		3
ADJ 130	Introduction to Criminal Law ²	
ADJ 211	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	
ADJ 227	Constitutional Law for Justice Personnel	
ADJ 241	Correctional Law ²	
ADJ or other Approved Elective ¹		3
Select one of the following:		3-4
MTH 132	Business Mathematics	
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
Approved Natural Science Elective (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/general-education-aas/#science-mathematics)		
Select one of the following:		3
PSY 105	Psychology of Personal Adjustment	
PSY 200	Principles of Psychology	
PSY 230	Developmental Psychology	
Credit Hours		15-16
Third Semester		
Select one of the following:		3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	
ADJ 240	Techniques of Interviewing ²	
Select one of the following:		3
ADJ 115	Patrol Procedures ²	
ADJ 117	Police Communications and Records ²	
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	
ADJ 150	Introduction to Security Administration ²	
ADJ 229	Community Policing in Modern Society	3

ADJ or other Approved Elective ¹		3
ADJ elective (any course with ADJ prefix)		3
Credit Hours		15
Fourth Semester		
ADJ 105	The Juvenile Justice System	3
ADJ or other Approved Elective ¹		3
Select one of the following:		3-4
ADJ 201	Criminology	
ADJ 298	Seminar and Project	
SOC 200	Introduction to Sociology	
SOC 266	Race and Ethnicity	
SOC 268	Social Problems	
Literature/Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/general-education-aas/#literature)		3
Select one of the following:		3
HIS 121	United States History to 1877	
HIS 122	United States History Since 1865	
PLS 135	U.S. Government & Politics	
Credit Hours		15-16
Total Credit Hours		60-62

¹ This requirement may be fulfilled with any ADJ class, or any of the following: ACC 211, BUS 100, UMS, ASL, SPA, EMS, or an approved sociology or psychology elective.

² Credit for this course is currently being awarded **only** through Credit for Prior Learning for Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services training or transfer of credit awarded at another college. Contact an academic advisor for more information.

Certificates

Criminal Justice Foundations

Award: Career Studies Certificate

Potential Additional Funding Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/g3/>

Purpose: To provide a foundation for students who aspire to further study or pursue careers in criminal justice. This career studies certificate is an entry pathway for students who are interested in learning about the criminal justice system. The courses in this career studies certificate may transfer to four-year institutions, and all can be applied to the A.A.S. in Criminal Justice. The career studies certificate may benefit professionals who are working in criminal justice jobs and need college courses for promotion.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ADJ 133	Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional	3
ADJ 201	Criminology	3
Select one of the following:		3
ADJ 211	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	
ADJ 227	Constitutional Law for Justice Personnel	
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital Literacy and Computer Applications	3
SDV (https://catalog.brcc.edu/programs-study/sdv/)	Student Development	1
Total Credit Hours		19

Criminal Justice Advanced

Award: Career Studies Certificate

Potential Additional Funding Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/g3/>

Purpose: To provide a specialized knowledge for students who aspire to pursue careers in criminal justice. The courses in this career studies certificate all apply to the A.A.S in Criminal Justice. The career studies certificate may benefit professionals who are working in criminal justice jobs and need college courses for promotion.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ADJ 105	The Juvenile Justice System	3
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3
ADJ 229	Community Policing in Modern Society	3
CST 110	Introduction to Human Communication	3
SPA 150	Spanish for Law Enforcement	3
HLT/PED/EMS	Health/Physical Education/Emergency Medical Services Elective	2
Total Credit Hours		20

Applications in Law Enforcement

Award: Career Studies Certificate

Additional Program Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/adj/>

Purpose: to provide a flexible set of learning experiences that will enhance the education and professional development of both in-service officers and those aspiring to criminal justice careers. Completion of this career studies certificate also will benefit people who are interested in learning how the criminal justice system works. This career studies certificate is for students who may want to earn the A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
Select one of the following:		3
ADJ 211	Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	
ADJ 227	Constitutional Law for Justice Personnel	
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital Literacy and Computer Applications	3
Total Credit Hours		12

Applications in Law Enforcement Leadership and Supervision (Pending Approval)

Award: Career Studies Certificate

Additional Program Information: <https://www.brcc.edu/academics/programs/adj/>

Purpose: The career studies certificate in Law Enforcement Leadership and Supervision -- CSC is designed for individuals in management and leadership positions in criminal justice and law enforcement occupations. It focuses on critical problem-solving ethics, managing diverse employees, and leadership skills.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
ADJ 110	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
ADJ 111	Law Enforcement Organization & Administration I	3
ADJ 130	Introduction to Criminal Law	3
ADJ 133	Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional	3
ADJ 298	Seminar and Project	4
Total Credit Hours		16