

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE (A.S.)



The Criminal Justice program will prepare you for careers in law enforcement, investigation, corrections, courts, private security, juvenile justice, or related opportunities in the legal field. It also will help those of you who presently work in criminal justice and want to broaden or improve your job skills and knowledge, and those who want to learn more about our American legal and justice system and how laws work. In addition to law and the legal underpinnings of the criminal justice system, you will explore psychology, criminal behavior, political science, social systems and problems, communication skills, and ethics.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- CRJ-1010 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
- ENG-1020 - Introduction to Research Methods\*
- SOC-1020 - Ethnicity & Diversity in the U.S. *or*  
SOC-2040 - Race, Ethnicity, Class & Gender\*
- POS-1050 - The Constitution
- PHI-1040 - Introduction to Ethics\*
- CRJ-2010 - Law Enforcement in America *or*  
CRJ-2150 - Community & Restorative Justice
- CRJ-2050 - Criminology
- POS-2070 - National Security & Terrorism\* *or*  
any 3-credit criminal justice course
- CRJ-2020 - American Judicial Process
- CRJ-2860 - Community & Work Experience

### Electives – 9 credits

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\* You may use a course to meet both a program requirement and a general education requirement; however, you may not use a single course to meet two general education requirements.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

### Core Competencies

- First Semester Seminar  
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- Technological Literacy  
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- Communication  
*Meets graduation standard in oral communication*  
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- English Composition
- Mathematics  
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- Research & Writing Intensive  
ENG-1020 - Introduction to Research Methods

### Areas of Inquiry

- Scientific Method  
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- Human Expression  
PHI-1040 - Introduction to Ethics
- Human Behavior  
SOC-2040 - Race, Ethnicity, Class, & Gender *or*  
SOC-1020 - Ethnicity & Diversity in the U.S.

### Integrative Approaches

- Global Perspectives & Sustainability  
POS-2070 - National Security & Terrorism
- Seminar in Educational Inquiry  
*Meets graduation standard in writing & information literacy*
- Quantitative Reasoning Assessment  
*Meets graduation standard in quantitative reasoning*

MINIMUM TOTAL CREDITS IN DEGREE: 60

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## Criminal Justice Program Outcomes

Successful graduates will be able to:

- describe methods social scientists use to research and interpret evidence about patterns of human behavior, including principal methods for measuring criminal behavior;
- demonstrate an understanding of the interrelationship of the police, courts, and correctional system, and the role the Constitution plays in the criminal justice system;
- exhibit professional conduct in a criminal justice organization including legal and ethical responsibilities, roles, and boundaries;
- explain how data on crime, recidivism, and crime prevention are collected, reported, and analyzed;
- demonstrate academic skills required of all CCV graduates including competency in writing, information literacy, oral communication, and quantitative reasoning; and
- explore pathways for educational and career development in the student's field of study.

## How & Why Our Degree Works

CCV's Criminal Justice program boasts an excellent track record in providing a solid foundation for entering such career areas as investigation and legal research, advocacy, community and protective services, police work and national and world security. Over the past five years, 92% of our graduates report that they are either working in the field, serving in the military, or continuing their education at a four-year college. Our faculty are experts in the field and experienced teachers who offer focused, relevant approaches to current criminal justice issues. In addition, this program is flexible and convenient, since most courses are available online in a one-year cycle and are also offered regularly at several CCV locations.

## Career Opportunities

The demand for qualified workers in law enforcement and criminal justice has never been greater, as the industry is experiencing a period of steady growth at all governmental levels. Local, state, and federal jobs in the field are expected to increase nationwide by over 800,000 by the end of this decade (Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2004). CCV's criminal justice degree will prepare you for positions in law enforcement, advocacy, corrections, parole and probation, private security, or legal investigation, as well as the growing field of homeland security. It is also an excellent credential for advancement to higher levels of responsibilities for those already working in the field.

## Transfer Options

CCV's Criminal Justice degree will transfer easily to these bachelor's programs:

- Castleton State College – B.A. degree in criminal justice
- College of St. Joseph – B.A. degree in criminal justice and B.A. degree in criminal justice (focus on corrections)

CCV and the Vermont Criminal Justice Council (Vermont Police Academy) now offer 15 credits in criminal justice courses for graduates of the full-time certification program.

*"I find that being involved with students and other faculty members in the Criminal Justice program at CCV keeps me motivated and well informed. CCV offers students learning opportunities that empower them to challenge themselves and ultimately be more prepared to enter the Criminal Justice field."*

*– Trevor Whipple  
Chief of Police, South  
Burlington Police Department  
Appointed to the Public  
Safety Officer Medal of Valor  
Review Board by the US  
Department of Justice (2008)*

## For more information

**visit [www.ccv.edu](http://www.ccv.edu),  
call 800-CCV-6686 or  
your local CCV office.**

CCV is committed to non-discrimination in its learning and working environments for all persons. All educational and employment opportunities at CCV are offered without regard to race, color, gender, sexual orientation, religion, national origin, age, veteran status, or disability.