

Criminal Justice Degree

Associate of Arts

TMCC's associate of arts in criminal justice degree is designed for students wishing to explore or enter a highly rewarding career in the criminal justice system. The CRJ program provides students with a strong foundation for careers in law enforcement, law, probation, investigations, corrections, and corporate security.

The associate of arts in criminal justice is designed to serve students as either a stand-alone associate degree in the field of criminal justice or as a university transfer option. The transfer option allows students to earn their university required lower division courses while earning their associate of arts in criminal justice at TMCC and then to transfer seamlessly as a junior to the University of Nevada, Reno and continue working toward a bachelor of arts in criminal justice or pre-law.

Students are encouraged to obtain academic advisement at TMCC and carefully choose courses consistent with the UNR-TMCC transfer agreement to ensure a smooth transition in the university transfer process. The associate of arts in criminal justice degree and not the AAS degree is strongly recommended for students considering later transfer to UNR.

Degree Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

- Describe the rights and protections granted under the US Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights, to individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
- Explain the process of conducting a professional criminal investigation, the process of an arrest and pretrial detention, criminal trial procedures, and possible sanctions after conviction.
- Describe ethics adhered to by individuals involved in the various professions in the criminal justice system.

General Education Requirements

Diversity	(3 credits)
English	6 credits
Recommended: ENG 101 and 102 or ENG 113 and 114	
Fine Arts	3 credits
Humanities	6 credits
Mathematics	3 credits
Recommended: STAT 152	
Science	3 credits
Social Science	9 credits
U. S. and Nevada Constitutions	3 credits
Total General Education Requirements	33 Credits

Emphasis Requirements

CPD 116	Substance Abuse-Fund Facts and Insights	(3)
- or -		
CRJ 125	Legal Careers and Law Schools	(1)
- and -		
CRJ 126	Legal Research and Methods	(1)
- and -		
CRJ 127	Legal Writing	(1)

CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice I	3
CRJ 102	Introduction to Criminal Justice II	3
CRJ 106	Introduction to Corrections	(3)
- or -		
CRJ 211	Police in America	(3)
CRJ 222	Criminal Law and Procedures	3
CRJ 289	Law and Justice	3

Total Emphasis Requirements	18 Credits
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Elective Requirements

Choose 9 credits from the following :

Foreign Language (two semesters)	8
CRJ or approved electives	1

Total Elective Requirements	9 Credits
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Total Degree Requirements	60 Credits
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Suggested Course Sequence

First Year	Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester			
Emphasis	CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice I	3
Humanities	Elective		3
Social Science	Elective		3
English	ENG 101	Composition I	3
Math	MATH 126 or STAT 152	Pre-Calculus I or Introduction to Statistics	3
			Total 15
2nd Semester			
Emphasis	CRJ 102	Introduction to Criminal Justice II	3
Fine Arts	Elective		3
Humanities	Elective		3
Social Science	Elective		3
English	ENG 102	Composition II	3
			Total 15
Second Year	Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester			
Elective		Choose a foreign language 111 course level	4
Emphasis	CPD 116 or	Substance Abuse-Fund Facts and Insights (recommended for general criminal justice) or	(3)
	CRJ 125 and CRJ 126 and CRJ 127	Legal Careers and Law Schools and Legal Research and Methods and Legal Writing (recommended for pre-law)	(1) (1) (1)
Emphasis	CRJ 106 or	Introduction to Corrections or	3
	CRJ 211	Police in America	
Science	Elective		3
Social Science/Diversity	Elective		3
			Total 16
2nd Semester			
Elective		CRJ or approved electives	1
Elective		Choose a foreign language 112 course level	4
Emphasis	CRJ 222	Criminal Law and Procedures	3
Emphasis	CRJ 289	Law and Justice	3
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	Elective		3
			Total 14
			Degree Total 60