

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.A.S.

Location(s): AL, AN, LO, MA, WO

NOVA Code: 456

Purpose

The curriculum is designed to provide a broad foundation that will prepare students to enter any of the varied fields in criminal justice or to prepare for professional advancement. Job opportunities for students include local, state, and federal enforcement officers, police officers, private or government investigators, adult/juvenile correction officers, probation/parole officers and counselors, security directors (managers), loss prevention directors, classification managers, and personnel clearance administrators. Most of the ADJ courses in this curriculum are "core courses" that provide a basic entry-level foundation in both criminal justice and security administration. These courses must be taken by **all students** in this program. At several points in the curriculum, "course options" are provided for selection by the students.

Special Curriculum Admission Requirements

Students are advised that many criminal justice and private/government security agencies require excellent moral character and a written record of conduct prior to consideration for employment.

Two Years

Course	Title	Credits
1st Semester		
ADJ 100	Survey of Criminal Justice	3
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec)		3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 164	Case Studies in Murder/Violent Crimes	
ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
SDV 100 or SDV 101	College Success Skills or Orientation to:	1
Credits		16
2nd Semester		
ADJ 105	The Juvenile Justice System	3
ADJ 201	Criminology	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_soc_beh_sci_elec)		3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 229	Community Policing in Modern Society	
ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
Select one of the following: ²		3-4
MTH 154	Quantitative Reasoning	
MTH 155	Statistical Reasoning (or Higher)	
Physical or Life Science Elective w/Lab (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_phy_life_sci_elec)		
Credits		15-16
3rd Semester		
ADJ 211	Crim Law, Evidence And Procedures I	3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 216	Organized Crime And Corruption	
ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 234	Terrorism And Counter-Terrorism	

ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
CST 100 or CST 110	Principles of Public Speaking or Introduction to Human Communication	3
Humanities/Fine Arts Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hum_fa_elec)		3
ITE 152	Introduction to Digital and Information Literacy and Computer Applications	3
Credits		18
4th Semester		
ADJ 133	Ethics & The Criminal Justice Prof.	3
ADJ 212	Crim Law, Evidence And Procedures II	3
HIS Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/general-education-electives/#ge_hist_elec)		3
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 236	Principles of Criminal Investigation	
ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
Select one of the following: ¹		3
ADJ 248	Probation, Parole, And Treatment	
ADJ Elective (https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/)		
Credits		15
Total Credits		64-65

Electives should be chosen with the advice of an academic advisor to meet the requirements of the intended transfer institution.

- ¹ Select any ADJ course (<https://catalog.nvcc.edu/courses/adj/>).
- ² Students who wish to substitute a laboratory science for MTH 154 Quantitative Reasoning/MTH 155 Statistical Reasoning **must** meet with their ADJ academic advisor first. The science elective may be selected from physical and life science courses with a lab component.