

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ) PROGRAM

Transfer Programs

The Criminal Justice plan of study is intended to meet the needs of students who plan to transfer to an Alabama senior college to pursue a baccalaureate degree in the criminal justice field. Students who plan to transfer to an out-of-state or private institution should consult that institution and plan their program of study in consultation with a criminal justice advisor. This is a planned university – parallel program designed to meet the requirements of the first two years of a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. Area V requirements vary with individual four-year institutions; thus students must obtain an approved STARS plan from the appropriate academic advisor.*

Semester Hour (SH) Distribution Requirements by Academic Area*: SH

Area I: Written Composition: 6 SH

Must Complete Written Composition I and II (ENG 101 and ENG 102)

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts: 12 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in Literature** Must complete 3 semester hours in the Arts Must complete 3 semester hours in oral communications (SPH 106 or 107) Must complete 3 additional semester hours in humanities

Area III: Natural Sciences & Math: 11 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in Math at the Pre-calculus Algebra or Finite Math Level Must complete 8 semester hours in the Natural Sciences which must include laboratory experiences

Area IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences: 12 SH

Must complete 6 semester hours in History** Must complete at least 6 semester hours from among other disciplines in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

Area V: Additional General Education Courses, Major Courses and Electives* 21 SH

Must complete 18 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses. Must complete 3 semester hours in a PED Elective

Total SH Required for the Associate in Science (AS) degree..... 62

*Some four-year institutions require a specific course or courses in the indicated areas. Check the STARS Guide and Area V page of your intended transfer institution for additional guidance. Transfer credits may not exceed 50% of those required for the four-year degree.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ) PROGRAM

Standard Certificate (Law Enforcement Option)

The Criminal Justice Program is designed to accommodate the needs of officers currently employed in the various criminal justice professions as well as novice students who are planning to enter the criminal justice field. The law enforcement curriculum option contains a core of academic and criminal justice courses essential to the well-rounded law enforcement officer. Following successful completion of 9 SH of credit toward the standard certificate (CER) graduates of the Alabama State Trooper Academy are eligible for 15 semester hours of transfer credit for CRJ 110, CRJ 116, CRJ 216, CRJ 220, and a PED elective. Following successful completion of 9 SH of credit toward the standard certificate (CER) graduates of the Alabama Police Academy are eligible for 9 semester hours of transfer credit for CRJ 110, CRJ 116, and a PED elective. *(Application to offer the Standard Certificate (CER) Law Enforcement Option pending approval by the Alabama Community College System Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Anticipated available date: 2012 spring semester)*

Semester Hour (SH) Distribution Requirements by Academic Area*: SH

Area I: Written Composition: 3 SH

Must Complete Written Composition I (ENG 101)

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in oral communications (SPH 106 or 107)

Area III: Natural Sciences & Math: 6 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematics (MTH 116 or higher level Math course)

Must complete 3 semester hours in CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications

Area IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences: 0 SH

Area V: Additional General Education Courses, Major Courses and Electives* 36 SH

Must complete 33 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses. Must complete 3 semester hours in a PED Elective

Total SH Required for the Standard Certificate (CER)..... 48

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ) PROGRAM

Standard Certificate (Corrections and Parole Option)

The Criminal Justice Program is designed to accommodate the needs of officers currently employed in the various criminal justice professions as well as novice students who are planning to enter the criminal justice field. The corrections and parole curriculum option contains a core of academic and criminal justice courses essential to the well-rounded corrections and parole officer. Following successful completion of 9 SH of credit toward the standard certificate (CER) graduates of the Alabama Corrections Academy are eligible for 9 semester hours of transfer credit for CRJ 110, CRJ 150, and a 3 semester hour PED elective. *(Application to offer the Standard Certificate (CER) Corrections and Parole Option pending approval by the Alabama Community College System Education and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education. Anticipated available date: 2012 spring semester)*

Standard Certificate (CER) in Corrections and Parole

Semester Hour (SH) Distribution Requirements by Academic Area*: SH

Area I: Written Composition: 3 SH

Must Complete Written Composition I (ENG 101)

Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts: 3 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in oral communications (SPH 106 or 107)

Area III: Natural Sciences & Math: 6 SH

Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematics (MTH 116 or higher level Math course)

Must complete 3 semester hours in CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications

Area IV: History, Social and Behavioral Sciences: 0 SH

Area V: Additional General Education Courses, Major Courses and Electives* 36 SH

Must complete 33 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses. Must complete 3 semester hours in a PED Elective

Total SH Required for the Standard Certificate (CER)..... 48

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ) PROGRAM

Short-Term Certificate (Law Enforcement)

Must complete 3 semester hours in CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications. Must complete 12 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses. Must complete 3 semester hours in Written Composition I (ENG 101). Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematical Applications (MTH 116). Must complete 3 semester hours in a PED Elective.

Total SH Required for the Short-Term Certificate (STC).....24

(All courses in the Short-Term Certificate in Law Enforcement are creditable toward the Standard Certificate (CER) in Law Enforcement)

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRJ) PROGRAM

Short-Term Certificate (Corrections and Parole)

Must complete 3 semester hours in CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications. Must complete 12 semester hours in Criminal Justice courses. Must complete 3 semester hours in Written Composition I (ENG 101). Must complete 3 semester hours in Mathematical Applications (MTH 116). Must complete 3 semester hours in a PED Elective.

Total SH Required for the Short-Term Certificate (STC).....24

(All courses in the Short-Term Certificate in Corrections and Parole are creditable toward the Standard Certificate (CER) in Corrections and Parole)