



Criminal Justice (238)

Associate of Applied Science

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The Criminal Justice Program at Highland Community College prepares students for a rewarding career with local, county, state, or federal law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, administrative assistants, courtroom employees, and other criminal justice agencies such as probation and parole. A number of related career fields, such as security and private investigations, are open to graduates of our Criminal Justice Program. In addition, our program can prepare current criminal justice professionals for career advancements.

Those intending to transfer to a four-year baccalaureate program should speak to an advisor about our transfer program.

NATURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT

A broad range of employment options exist in both the private and public sectors depending upon qualifications. Examples of areas of employment would include; but not be limited to the following: law enforcement, corrections, court reporting, parks and wildlife, and social work.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are recommended prerequisites for most of the Criminal Justice classes. Some general education courses may require prerequisites. Other than the internship, classes may be taken during any semester classes are offered. Students are required to have at least the first year completed prior to applying for the Internship class.

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Call Highland at 815-235-6121 for the following program contacts:

- Jennifer Roser, Criminal Justice Faculty
- Vicki Schulz, Student Advisor
- Jim Phillips, Dean, Humanities, Social Sciences, and Fine Arts

First Semester

15 Sem. Hours

CJS	101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
INFT	180	Introduction to Information Systems	3
PHYD	212	First Aid	2
PHYD	121	Physical Fitness I	1
SPCH	191	Fundamentals of Speech Communication	3
PSY	161	Introduction to Psychology	3

Second Semester

15 Sem. Hours

CJS	102	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJS	203	Criminal Law	3
MATH	111	Technical Math	3
SOCI	171	Introduction to the Principles of Sociology	3
ENGL	121	Rhetoric and Composition I	3

Third Semester

15 Sem. Hours

SPAN	155	Elementary Spanish I	4
CJS	202	Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOCI	276	Racism & Diversity in Contemporary Society	3
Electives			5

Fourth Semester

16 Sem. Hours

CJS	201	Criminology	3
POL	152	American Government and Politics	3
PHIL	282	Ethics	3
OCEC	290	Workplace Experience	4
Electives			3

Total Hours =

61