

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Arts

63 credit hours

This program is designed to equip graduates, whether potential and incumbent criminal justice system employees or graduates intent on transferring to a bachelor degree program at ENMU, with a comprehensive knowledge of the governmental structures, limitations, and theoretical underpinnings of the American criminal justice system. This curriculum can serve as a terminal occupational degree program for students seeking immediate employment in the private sector or in government agencies at the local, state, or national level. The balanced liberal arts emphasis, which includes the study of law, criminal justice, social sciences, humanities, behavioral sciences, natural sciences and general education courses, can apply towards a bachelor degree in Criminal Justice or other majors at several of New Mexico's four-year state universities.

Students who have successfully completed: 1) a N.M. Department of Public Safety basic or NMDPS-approved satellite police certification training academy or 2) the U.S. Border Patrol Basic Training Program (USBPI), the Federal Air Marshal Basic Training Program (FAMTP), or the Land Management Basic Police Training Program (LMPT), or 3) military occupational specialties or Air Force career classifications U.S. Army 95B, or 31B; U.S. Marine Corps 5811; U.S. Air Force 3PO51, or 3PO91; U.S. Navy Master at Arms, or NEC 9545 (completed NAVEDTRA 14137) will receive credit for CJUS 1110 and CJUS 2360 upon provision of an official transcript. Students who have successfully completed the N.M. Department of Corrections correctional officer basic training academy will receive credit for CJUS 1110 and CJUS 2225 upon provision of an official transcript.

Upon completion of the degree students will be able to:

- Describe the historical development, roles, interrelationships, and criminal justice system functions of agencies, actors, structures, and operations of criminal justice agencies.
- Identify and describe major national measures of crime and major theories on causes of criminality.
- Explain functions of criminal laws, Constitutional limitations on laws, and application of laws in criminal courts.
- Identify current trends in crime, police techniques, offender sentencing, corrections practices, and offender reintegration.

**Additional hours may be required for program requirements for transfer students who are NMGEC complete.*

Any student who is ineligible for state, national, or industry licensure or certification is ineligible for entry into this program.

Institutional and Related Requirements – 9 hours

ENGL 1110 – Composition I (3)
FYEX 1110 – First-Year Seminar (3)
BCIS 1115 – Introduction to Computers (3) **OR**
BUSA 1110 – Introduction to Business (3)

Note: If institutional/related requirements are waived, additional elective courses will be needed to meet the minimum hours required for the degree.

Program Requirements – 16 hours

CJUS 1110 – Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)
CJUS 2140 – Criminal Investigations (3)
CJUS 2360 – Criminal Procedures (3)
POLS 1120 – American National Government (3)
SPAN 1110 – Spanish I (4)

Choose from the following – 6 hours

CJUS 1120 – Criminal Law (3)
CJUS 1140 – Juvenile Justice (3)
CJUS 2130 – Police and Society (3)
CJUS 2215 – American Judicial System (3)
CJUS 2225 – Introduction to Corrections (3)
CJUS 2320 – Gangs in American Society (3)
CJUS 2340 – Victimization in American Society (3)

New Mexico General Education Curriculum (NMGEC) – 32 Hours (as itemized below)

Communications – 6 hours
Mathematics – 4 hours
Science – 4 hours
Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours
Humanities – 3 hours
Creative and Fine Arts – 3 hours
Flexible Nine – 9 hours