

Criminal Justice

Associate of Arts

60-61 credit hours

The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice is designed to equip graduates, whether potential and incumbent criminal justice system employees or graduates intent on transferring to a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor Science (BA/BS) 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 in this degree, 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 New Mexico Department of Public Safety basic or NMDPS-approved satellite police certification training academy or 2) the United States 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 CJ 102 and CJ 205 upon provision of an official transcript. Students who have successfully completed the New Mexico Department of Corrections correctional officer basic training academy will receive credit for CJ 102 and CJ 203 upon provision of an official transcript.

Upon program completion 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.

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

Institutional and Related Requirements – 3 hours

UNIV 101 - Freshman Seminar – 3

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

New Mexico General Education Common Core (NMGECC) – 35 - 37 hours

- I. Communicating Effectively – 9 hours

Required Courses:

ENG 102 - English Composition – 3

ENG 104 - English Composition & Research – 3

COMM 101 - Interpersonal Communication – 3

or COMM 102 - Public Speaking – 3

- II. Understanding and Applying Mathematical Principles – 3 or 4 hours

Recommended Courses:

MATH 113 - Liberal Arts Math – 4
or any MATH course listed in the NMGECC

III. Science – 8 hours Recommended courses:

BIOL 113/L - Biology for General Education/Lab – 4

CHEM 113/L - Chemistry for Today/Lab – 4

or any science with a lab listed in the NMGECC

IV. Social Science – 6 hours Recommended Courses:

PSCI 102 - American National Government – 3

PSY 101 - Introductory Psychology – 3

SOC 101 - Introductory Sociology – 3

or any two Social Sciences from different disciplines listed in the NMGECC

V. Fine Arts and Humanities – 6 or 7 hours

a. Fine arts – 3 hours Recommended courses:

ART 131 - Art Appreciation – 3

MUS 113 - Music Appreciation – 3

THTR 121 - Beginning Acting – 3

or any Fine Arts course listed in the NMGECC

b. Humanities – 3 or 4 hours Recommended Courses:

HIST 101 - Survey of American History to 1877 – 3

HIST 102 - Survey of American History since 1877 – 3

HIST 121 - Survey of Western Civilization to 1500 – 3

HIST 122 - Survey of Western Civilization since 1500 – 3

or any Humanities course listed in the NMGECC

Plus an additional course – 3 hours:

Choose an additional Social Science (IV), Humanities or Fine Arts (V) course from the NMGECC – 3 hours

Program Requirements – 15 hours

CJ 102 - Introduction to Criminal Justice – 3

CJ 205 - Criminal Procedures – 3

CJ 299 - Programmatic Capstone – 1

SPAN 101 - Beginning Spanish – 4

SPAN 102 - Continuation of Beginning Spanish – 4

Electives – 6 or 7 hours