

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Criminal Justice (CIP#1743010302)

- Criminal Justice A.S.
- A.S. to B.S. Criminal Justice Track

Criminal Justice A.S. with Specialization in:

- Homeland Security

The Criminal Justice A.S. degree program offers the student a broad background in the history, philosophy, organization, management and operation of the criminal justice system.

This program prepares students to work in law enforcement, corrections, private/industry security and other criminal justice fields. It is also beneficial to professionals seeking incentive benefits or career enhancement. In addition, this program can be useful as a first step toward a career in other legal or public service careers. Successful completion of a state-certified training academy and state examination is required to be a sworn law enforcement or corrections officer in the State of Florida regardless of any degree work which may have been completed.

A.S. to B.S. Criminal Justice Track

The A.S. to B.S. Criminal Justice Track program is structured so students can complete their General Education courses for an A.A. degree as part of the A.S. degree. This program structure allows students to earn a valuable career credential, while also preparing students for a successful transfer into a Bachelor of Science program.

Students are strongly encouraged to consult a Student Success Coach in the department office for assistance in determining the best education plan for their career goals.

Students wishing to transfer any credits from this program to another institution must accept responsibility for securing approval from the transfer institution.

Although scheduling may not always provide for the following progression of courses, students should use the foundation, intermediate and advanced course sequence as a guide in program planning. This is found at <https://valenciacollege.edu/criminal-justice> (<https://valenciacollege.edu/criminal-justice/>)

All degree-seeking students must satisfy entry testing requirements and satisfactorily complete all mandatory courses in reading, student success, mathematics, English, and English for Academic Purposes in which the student is placed.

Alternative Ways to Earn Credit toward this Degree

Graduates of the Criminal Justice Institute and specific programs at Orange Technical College and Osceola Technical College, as well as other institutions may be eligible to receive college credit for courses in this program. You may also be eligible to receive credit toward this degree if you have earned one of the approved Gold Standard industry certifications or Career Pathways credit. To learn more about Valencia's award of credit options, visit <https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/as-degree/credit-industry-certification-agreements.php> Eligible students should contact the Student Success Coach in their academic

department for more information about the requirements for the award of credit.

College Credit Technical Certificates

The Criminal Justice A.S. degree also offers the following college credit certificate programs. These certificates can put you on the fast-track to reaching your career goals. They are designed to equip you with a specialized skill set for entry-level employment or to upgrade your skills for job advancement. Most can be completed in one year or less, and all of the courses in the certificates are embedded in the A.S. degree. You can earn the certificates as you progress through your A.S. Degree or as a separate, stand-alone credential. Click on the Certificate tab at the top of the page for more information about the certificates that are offered.

- Criminal Justice Specialist (24 credits) (CIP # 0743010304)
 - Corrections Specialization
 - Homeland Security Specialization
 - Law Enforcement Specialization
 - Peace and Justice Specialization
- Homeland Security Specialist (9 credits) (CIP # 0743010306)
- Homeland Security Law Enforcement Specialist (15 credits) (CIP # 0743011202)
- Hospitality Security Specialist (9 credits) (CIP # 0743010306)

Start Right

Degree-seeking students enrolling at Valencia for the first time will have a limited range of courses from which to choose for their first 18 college-level credits. Within the first 18 college credit hours, you will be required to take ENC1101 (3 credits), and if applicable, SLS 1122 (3 credits) and a mathematics course appropriate to your selected meta-major (3 credits). The remaining courses will be chosen from the General Education Core Courses in humanities (3 credits), science (3 credits), or social science (3 credits), and/or the introductory courses within the A.S. degree programs. For specific courses see the *Foundation Courses* on the "Program Requirements" tab. For course sequencing recommendations, see your Student Success Coach or create an education plan by logging into MyVC, clicking on the LifeMap tab and clicking My Education Plan.

Potential Careers

- Police Officer
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Deputy Sheriff
- Security Officer
- Crime Analyst/Technician
- Criminal Justice Administration
- Correctional Officer
- Detective and Investigator
- Loss Prevention Specialist
- Emergency Communications Specialist

Salary & Earnings Information

For career information related to this program, please visit [O*Net OnLine](#)

Contacts

Future Students

To learn more about this program, contact Enrollment Services at enrollment@valenciacollege.edu or call 407-582-1507 or visit

valenciacollege.edu/criminal-justice/ (<https://valenciacollege.edu/criminal-justice/>).

Current Students

Your Student Success Coach contact information can be found in MyVC. Log into MyVC, click on the Courses tab, and check your Academic Profile information to find a link to your Coach.

Faculty Program Chair

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Internship and Workforce Services

If you need assistance with job resources or in locating an internship, please visit: valenciacollege.edu/internship (<https://valenciacollege.edu/internship/>)

Criminal Justice A.S. Program Outcomes

- Students will apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law, and juvenile law to criminal scenarios.
- Students will describe criminal justice concepts through oral and written formats.
- Students will analyze life long ethical responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice.
- Students will examine the interaction between police organizations, the courts, corrections, and the community in the administration of justice.
- Students will identify practices common to criminal investigations.

Foundation Courses

ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I ^{++~}	3
Math	See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement ^{++~GR}	3
CCJ 2452	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION	3
CCJ 1020	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CCJ 1010	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJE 2600	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3
Criminal Justice Elective		3

Intermediate Courses

PSY 2012 or SYG 2000	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY [~] INTRODUCTORY SOCIOLOGY	3
CJC 2000	INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS	3
CCJ 2053	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ⁺⁺	3
CJL 2100	CRIMINAL LAW	3
POS 2041	U.S. GOVERNMENT ⁺	3
Criminal Justice Elective		6

Advanced Courses

Science: See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement ^{~1}		3
Humanities: See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement [~]		3
CJL 2102	CRIMINAL EVIDENCE & PROCEDURES	3
CCJ 2358	CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORT WRITING: CAPSTONE [*]	3
Criminal Justice Elective		6

Total Credit Hours **60**

+ This course must be completed with a grade of C or better.

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

~ This is a general education course.

¹ Students planning to transfer to UCF should select from these science courses AST 1002 DESCRIPTIVE ASTRONOMY, CHM 1020 CHEMISTRY IN EVERYDAY LIFE, PHY 2053C GENERAL PHYSICS I, BSC 1005 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE, EVR 1001 INTRODUCTION TO ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, BSC 1010C GENERAL BIOLOGY I, and ESC 1000 EARTH SCIENCES.

(GR) denotes a Gordon Rule course.

Homeland Security Specialization Program Outcomes

- Differentiate between ethical and unethical attitudes and actions regarding execution of homeland security practices.
- Communicate homeland security concepts through oral and written formats.
- Identify security threats that affect border and transportation systems.
- Describe the foundation and goals for security.

DSC 1006	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY	3
DSC 2242	TRANSPORTATION AND BORDER SECURITY [*]	3
DSC 2590	INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT [*]	3

Total Credit Hours **9**

Criminal Justice Electives

CJJ 2001	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3
CJE 2000	POLICING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES	3
CCJ 2452	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION [*]	3
CJE 2140	INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY	3
CJE 2062	PEACE, CONFLICT AND THE POLICE [*]	3
CJE 2160	MULTICULTURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
CJC 2162	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS [*]	3
CCJ 2941	INTERNSHIP EXPLORATION/FIELD OBSERVATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE [*]	1-3
CCJ 2930	SELECTED TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1-3
CCJ 2022	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE [*]	3
CLP 2140 or PSY 2050	ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY [*] SURVEY OF FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY	3
HSC 1400C	FIRST AID AND CPR	3
HFT 2600	HOSPITALITY LAW	3
HFT 2630	SECURITY ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY	3
ASL 2140 or SPN prefix	AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE I	4
DSC 1006	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY	3
DSC 2242	TRANSPORTATION AND BORDER SECURITY [*]	3
DSC 2590	INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT [*]	3
ENC 1102	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION II ^{++~}	3
PAX 1000	INTRODUCTION TO PEACE STUDIES	3

Math: See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirement ^{*+~GR}	3
Humanities: See Gen. Ed. Institutional Requirement ^{*+~GR}	3
Science: See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirements ^{*+~}	3

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Notes:

All specialized program courses are offered online and may not be offered every session; some specialized courses are offered at other locations.

Expand your career opportunities with a Bachelor's Degree in Public Safety Administration from Valencia. This degree builds on your skills and prepares you for a supervisory or management role within a wide range of public safety organizations. For more information, go to: Bachelor's in Public Safety Administration (<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/bachelorofscience/publicsafetyadministration/#text>). Students who wish to continue their education should consult with a Student Success Coach to determine the best education plan for their career goals.

For students who are pursuing the A.S. to B.S. career path, additional General Education courses are required to satisfy the required 36 hours for the Bachelor of Science degree. Students are strongly encouraged to speak with a Student Success Coach to identify the additional General Education courses needed. To make it more convenient for students pursuing the A.S. to B.S. career path, this program is structured so students can complete their General Education courses for an A.A. degree as part of the A.S. degree. This program structure allows students to earn a valuable career credential, while also preparing students for a successful transfer into a Bachelor of Science program.

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- Students will apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law, and juvenile law to criminal scenarios.
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Foundational Courses

ENC 1101	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION I ^{*+~GR 1}	3
CCJ 1020	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE ~	3
CCJ 2452	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION	3
Math	See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement ^{*+~GR}	3

CCJ 1010	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJE 2600	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3
SPC 1017	INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION ~	3

Intermediate

ENC 1102	FRESHMAN COMPOSITION II ^{*+~GR}	3
CJC 2000	INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS	3
CCJ 2053	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE ^{**}	3
CJL 2100	CRIMINAL LAW	3
Humanities: See Gen. Ed. Core Requirement ~		3
POS 2041	U.S. GOVERNMENT ^{+~GR}	3

Advanced

Math: See Gen. Ed. Core or Institutional Requirements ^{*+~GR}		3
Science: See Gen. Ed. Core Requirements		3
General Education Student Choice		9
CJL 2102	CRIMINAL EVIDENCE & PROCEDURES	3
CCJ 2358	CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORT WRITING: CAPSTONE [*]	3

+ This course must be completed with a C or higher.

* This course has a prerequisite, check description in Valencia catalog.

~ This is a General Education course.

GR Denotes a Gordon Rule Course

Students in this track should declare for both the A.S. degree and the A.A. degree. Students seeking their A.A. degree must meet Valencia's graduation requirements (<https://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinarts/graduationrequirements/>).

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Criminal Justice Specialist

Technical Certificate

This 24 credit-hour certificate is intended for students interested in working in an operational or support capacity within a criminal justice organization or in a governmental or in the private security field. Students will develop a broad-base of knowledge that includes a basic understanding of the criminal justice system, criminal evidence and procedures, criminal investigations, and ethics. Students will also have the option of selecting a concentration within the certificate that more closely focuses their studies on either law enforcement, homeland security, corrections, or Peace and Justice in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes

- Apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law and juvenile law to criminal scenarios.
- Communicate criminal justice concepts through oral and written formats.
- Analyze life-long ethical and professional responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice.
- Examine the interaction between police organizations, the courts, corrections, and the community in the administration of justice.
- Select the appropriate techniques and practices common to particular types of criminal investigations.

Foundation Courses

CCJ 1020	INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CCJ 1010	CRIMINOLOGY	3

Intermediate Courses

CJL 2102	CRIMINAL EVIDENCE & PROCEDURES	3
CJL 2100	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CCJ 2053	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3

Criminal Justice Specialist Track		9
Total Credit Hours		24

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

Criminal Justice Specialist Specializations

Select from one of the following tracks listed below in order to complete the technical certificate

Homeland Security Specialization

Program Outcomes

- Analyze life-long ethical and professional responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice
- Apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law, and juvenile law to criminal scenarios

DSC 1006	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY	3
DSC 2242	TRANSPORTATION AND BORDER SECURITY *	3

DSC 2590	INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT *	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in the Valencia catalog

Law Enforcement Specialization

Program Outcomes

- Analyze life-long ethical and professional responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice
- Select the appropriate techniques and practices common to particular types of criminal investigations

CJE 2000	POLICING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES *	3
CCJ 2022	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CJE 2600	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog

Corrections Specialization

Program Outcomes

- Analyze life-long ethical and professional responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice
- Examine the interaction between police organizations, the courts, corrections, and the community in the administration of justice

CJC 2162	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
CJC 2000	INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS	3
CJJ 2001	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3
Total Credit Hours		9

Peace and Justice in Criminal Justice Specialization

Program Outcomes

- Analyze life-long ethical and professional responsibilities of criminal justice personnel in the administration of justice
- Communicate criminal justice concepts through oral and written formats

PAX 1000	INTRODUCTION TO PEACE STUDIES	3
CJE 2062	PEACE, CONFLICT AND THE POLICE *	3
CJE 2160	MULTICULTURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
Total Credit Hours		9

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog

Notes:

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.

This certificate program is eligible for Financial Aid.

Homeland Security Specialist

Technical Certificate

This certificate is intended for students interested in working for a law enforcement agency, a federal homeland security organization, a private security organization, or in the emergency management field. In particular, students will develop a broad-based knowledge that includes a basic understanding of the structure and mission of homeland security and the criminal justice system in the United States.

Program Outcomes

- Examine the interaction between police organizations, the courts, corrections, and the community in the administration of justice and homeland security.
- Select the appropriate techniques and practices common to particular types of criminal and homeland security investigations.
- Communicate criminal justice and homeland security concepts through oral and written formats.

DSC 1006 or CCJ 1020	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
DSC 2590 or CJE 2600	INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT * CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	3
Select one course from the following Criminal Justice Electives		3
Total Credit Hours		9

Criminal Justice Electives

DSC 2242	TRANSPORTATION AND BORDER SECURITY *	3
CCJ 2930	SELECTED TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1-3
CCJ 2022	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CCJ 1010	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CJL 2100	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CJL 2102	CRIMINAL EVIDENCE & PROCEDURES	3
CJE 2000	POLICING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES	3
CJE 2062	PEACE, CONFLICT AND THE POLICE	3
CJE 2160	MULTICULTURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
CCJ 2053	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

Notes:

The credits in this course apply towards a Criminal Justice Technology Associates of Science degree.

Specialized courses may not be offered every session or on every campus.

Homeland Security Law Enforcement Specialist

Technical Certificate

This certificate is intended for students interested in working for a law enforcement agency, a federal homeland security organization, a private security organization, or in the emergency management field. This certificate integrates foundational elements of homeland security within the framework of the criminal justice system. In particular,

students will develop a stronger understanding of law enforcement, its role in promoting homeland security, and how it interacts with the other components of the criminal justice system at the local, state, and federal levels.

Program Outcomes

- Apply knowledge of criminal law, constitutional law within the practice of homeland security and law enforcement.
- Select the appropriate techniques and practices common to particular types of criminal and homeland security investigations.
- Communicate criminal justice and homeland security concepts through oral and written formats.
- Examine the interaction between police organizations, the courts, corrections, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and the community in the administration of justice and public safety.

CJL 2100	CRIMINAL LAW	3
CJE 2000	POLICING SYSTEMS AND PROCEDURES	3
DSC 1006 or CCJ 1020	INTRODUCTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
DSC 2590 or CJE 2600	INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS AND SECURITY MANAGEMENT * Criminal Investigations	3
Select one course from the following Criminal Justice Electives		3
Total Credit Hours		15

Criminal Justice Electives

DSC 2242	TRANSPORTATION AND BORDER SECURITY *	3
CCJ 1010	CRIMINOLOGY	3
CCJ 2022	CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
CCJ 2053	ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE *	3
CCJ 2930	SELECTED TOPICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	1-3
CJL 2102	CRIMINAL EVIDENCE & PROCEDURES	3
CJE 2062	PEACE, CONFLICT AND THE POLICE	3
CJE 2160	MULTICULTURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	3

* This course has a prerequisite; check description in Valencia catalog.

Notes:

The credits in this course apply towards a Criminal Justice Technology Associates of Science degree.

Hospitality Security Specialist

Technical Certificate

This technical certificate is a cross pollination between two degrees that has an area of complimentary intertwining which provides an academic skill set that is needed by both the security and hospitality industries.

Program Outcomes

- Identify factors critical to maintaining physical security.
- Identify legal and liability issues for security officers including legal authority, use of force, search and seizure.
- Identify what constitutes illegal guests' acts and guests' rights.

- Identify factors to consider when dealing with employment, regulations, and licensing.
- Examine hospitality security issues and crime prevention.
- Build lodging and restaurant security programs that reduce and deter criminal activity.

CJE 2140	INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY	3
HFT 2600	HOSPITALITY LAW	3
HFT 2630	SECURITY ISSUES AND RISK MANAGEMENT IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY	3
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Total Credit Hours		9