

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate Degree

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The Associate in Criminal Justice introduces students to three areas of the Criminal Justice system: police, courts, and corrections. This degree is interdisciplinary in nature. Studies include the humanities, law, natural, behavioral and social sciences. The curriculum seeks to balance theoretical inquiry with applied knowledge. This degree plan is designed so that required courses will concurrently fill the University General Education Requirements and the Arts & Sciences Core Courses. However, courses other than those listed may meet a General Education requirement and an Arts & Sciences core course requirement separately, as noted in the NMSU-Las Cruces catalog.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS –32 credits

<i>Arts & Sciences Core</i>	13
C S 110G, Computer Literacy	3
ENGL 111G, Rhetoric & Composition	4
ENGL 211G, Writing in the Humanities & Social Sciences or ENGL 203G, Business & Professional Communication or ENGL 218G, Technical & Scientific Communication.....	3
MATH 210G, Mathematics Appreciation	3
<i>Basic Natural Science (w/ lab)</i>	4
ASTR 110G, Introduction to Astronomy or BIOL 101G/L, Human Biology or BIOL 110G, Contemporary Problems in Biology or BIOL 111G/L, Natural History of Life or CHEM 110G, Principles & Applications of Chemistry or GEOG 111G, Geography of the Natural Environment or GEOL 111G, Survey of Geology or PHYS 110G, Great Ideas of Physics	
<i>Critical Thinking/Analysis</i>	3
PHIL 101G, The Art of Wondering or PHIL 201G, Introduction to Philosophy	
<i>Historic Perspectives</i>	3
HIST 101G, Roots of Modern Europe or HIST 102G, Modern Europe or HIST 201G, Introduction to Early American History or HIST 202G, Introduction to Recent American History	
<i>Human Thought and Behavior</i>	3
ANTH 201G, Introduction to Anthropology or LING 200G, Introduction to Language or PSY 201G, Introduction to Psychology	
<i>Literature and Fine Arts</i>	3
ENGL 244G, Literature or Culture or ART 101G, Orientation to Art or MUS 101G, An Introduction to Music or THTR 101G, Introduction to Theater	
<i>Social Analysis</i>	3
ECON 201G, Introduction to Economics or ECON251G, Principles of Macroeconomics or ECON 252G, Principles of Microeconomics or GEOG 112G, World Regional Geography or GEOG 201G, Humans in the Natural Environment or GOVT 100G, American National Government or GOVT 110G, Introduction to	

Political Science **or** GOVT 150G, American
Political Issues **or** GOVT 160G, International
Political Issues **or**
JOUR 105G, Introduction to Mass
Communications **or** SOC 101G, Introduction to
Sociology **or** SOC 201G, Contemporary Social
Problems **or** WS 201G, Introduction to Women’s
Studies

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE – 15 credits

CJ 101, Introduction to Criminal Justice.....3
CJ 205, Criminal Law I3
CJ 210, American Law Enforcement System.....3
CJ 230, Introduction to Corrections.....3
CJ 250, Courts and the Criminal Justice System.....3

RELATED COURSE REQUIREMENTS – 8 credits

Second Language Requirement: (1) Completion of a
second language through the 112 level; or (2)
completion of a second language through the 213
level for native speakers.

ELECTIVE COURSE REQUIREMENTS – 11 credits

COLL 101, College/Life Success3
Other electives8

TOTAL..... 66 credits

NOTE: A grade of C or better is required in all Criminal Justice courses and any courses filling the
Arts & Sciences Core Requirements.