

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Science Degree

This program is for those who plan to transfer to senior institutions and pursue a B.S. degree in criminal justice or related fields. It is also suitable for immediate employment in criminal justice careers requiring less than the bachelor's degree.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE REQUIREMENTS:

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| ENG 101 English Composition I..... | 3 |
| ENG 102 English Composition II | 3 |
| Literature Elective | 3 |
| SPH 107 Fundamentals of Public Speaking..... | 3 |
| Fine Arts Elective | 3 |
| Foreign Language..... | 3 |
| *Math Elective (MTH 110 or MTH 112)..... | 3 |
| Natural Sciences Electives..... | 8 |
| History Sequence (choose one of these sequences: HIS 101-102, HIS 121-122, or HIS 201-202)..... | 6 |
| Social and Behavioral Sciences (Choose two of the following PSY 200, SOC 200, POL 211) | 6 |
| Total | 41 |

MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

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| CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice..... | 3 |
| Criminal Justice core elective* (choose one of the following CRJ 110, CRJ 150, CRJ 160)..... | 3 |
| CIS 146 Microcomputer Applications..... | 3 |
| Social/Behavioral Science elective (students intending to transfer should consider PSY 260) | 3 |
| **Criminal Justice electives (Choose four of the following CRJ 110, CRJ 130, CRJ 140, CRJ 146, CRJ 150, CRJ 157, CRJ 160, CRJ 208, CRJ 209, CRJ 216, CRJ 220, CRJ 230, CRJ 256, CRJ 280, CRJ 290) | 11 |
| Total | 23 |
| TOTAL CREDITS..... | 64 |

*Students intending to transfer should take MTH 112

**Students intending to transfer should consult with their major advisor in selecting their CRJ electives.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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| CRJ 100 | INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE (3T) 3 credits This course surveys the entire criminal justice process from law enforcement to the administration of justice through corrections. It discusses the history and philosophy of the system and introduces various career opportunities. |
| CRJ 110 | INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT (3T) 3 credits This course examines the history and philosophy of law enforcement, as well as the organization and jurisdiction of local, state, and federal agencies. It includes the duties and functions of law enforcement officers. |
| CRJ 130 | INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND JUDICIAL PROCESS (3T) 3 credits This course provides an introduction to the basic elements of substantive and procedural law and the stages in the judicial process. It includes an overview of state and federal court structure. |
| CRJ 140 | CRIMINAL LAW AND PROCEDURE (3T) 3 credits This course examines both substantive and procedural law. The legal elements of various crimes are discussed, with attention to the Alabama Code. Areas of criminal procedure essential to the criminal justice professional are covered. |
| CRJ 146 | CRIMINAL EVIDENCE (3T) 3 credits This course considers the origins of the law of evidence and current rules of evidence. Types of evidence, their definitions and uses are covered, as well as the functions of the court regarding evidence. |
| CRJ 150 | INTRODUCTION TO CORRECTIONS (3T) 3 credits This course provides an introduction to the philosophical and historical foundations of corrections in America. Incarceration and some of its alternatives are considered. |
| CRJ 157 | COMMUNITY BASED CORRECTIONS (3T) 3 credits This course examines various forms of community corrections and alternative sentences. |

Probation, parole, halfway houses, work release, community service, electronic monitoring and camps are among the programs considered.

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| CRJ 160 | INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY (3T) 3 credits This course looks at the operation, organization and problems in providing safety and security to business enterprises. Private, retail and industrial security are covered. |
| CRJ 208 | INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINOLOGY (3T) 3 credits This course delves into the nature and extent of crime in the United States, as well as criminal and delinquent behavior, and theories of causation. The study includes criminal personalities, principles of prevention, control and treatment. |
| CRJ 209 | JUVENILE DELINQUENCY (3T) 3 credits This course examines the causes of delinquency. It also reviews programs of prevention and control of juvenile delinquency as well as the role of the courts. |
| CRJ 216 | POLICE ORGANIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION (3T) 3 credits This course examines the principles of organization and administration of law enforcement agencies. Theories of management, budgeting, and various personnel issues are covered. |
| CRJ 220 | CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION (3T) 3 credits This course explores the theory and scope of criminal investigation. The duties and responsibilities of the investigator are included. The techniques and strategies used in investigation are emphasized. |
| CRJ 230 | CRIMINALISTICS (3T) 3 credits This course surveys the different techniques of scientific investigation. Emphasis is given to ballistics, photography, fingerprints, DNA, trace evidence, body fluids, casts and the like. |
| CRJ 256 | CORRECTIONAL REHABILITATION (3T) 3 credits This course surveys the different methods used in the rehabilitation of public offenders. |

Topics include individual and group counseling, education, recreation, religion, drug treatment, and vocational programs.

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| CRJ 280 | INTERNSHIP/CRIMINAL JUSTICE 1-3 credits PREREQUISITE: Permission of Instructor This course involves practical experience with a criminal justice agency under faculty supervision. Permission of the instructor is required. This course may be repeated with the approval of the department head. |
| CRJ 290 | SELECTED TOPICS - SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (TBA) 1-3 credits This course involves reading, research, writing, and discussion of selected subjects relating to criminal justice. Various contemporary problems in criminal justice are analyzed. This course may be repeated with approval of the department head. |

How Do I Apply?

Everyone must submit an application for admission to either the Admissions Office on the Decatur campus or to the Huntsville campus or Redstone Arsenal extension. At that time, you'll receive further information on admissions requirements.

How Much Will it Cost?

Tuition at Calhoun — the fees paid to take classes— is among the lowest in the area. A full-time student will pay between \$1080-\$1710 per 15-week semester. A single class will cost only \$270. Since the college does not have dormitories, the only other costs will be for transportation to and from class and books and supplies. And, if you need help with college costs, the Office of Student Financial Services has information on grants, work study, scholarships and loans.

TUITION AND FEES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE.

Program of Study

Calhoun's Criminal Justice Program offers an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice. This is a versatile, comprehensive degree consisting of up to 23 semester hours of criminal justice and related courses, supplemented by 41 hours of general education courses.

The degree can be used in one of two ways. First of all, it is suitable for those wishing to seek immediate employment in the criminal justice field after graduation from Calhoun. State and local law enforcement agencies, as well as the Alabama Department of Corrections, are examples of agencies frequently hiring those with the Associate of Science degree.

The Associate of Science degree is also designed to transfer to senior colleges and universities for further study toward a Bachelor's degree in criminal justice or a related field. The student should consult with the criminal justice advisor at Calhoun for advice regarding transfer. Careers in probation, juvenile justice, and counseling, as well as federal law enforcement, usually require a Bachelor's degree.

Calhoun offers criminal justice courses on the Decatur campus, at Research Park, and at Redstone Arsenal on a variety of convenient schedules. Criminal justice classes are also available through the college's distance education program.

About the College

Calhoun Community College is an active, viable member of the North Alabama community, providing educational and training opportunities to the citizens of this area. With approximately 8,500 students, Calhoun represents the essence of the two-year college mission of excellence in teaching and service.

Graduates of Calhoun Community College permeate the community. Many of them have gone on to complete baccalaureate degrees at other institutions or have entered the workforce after successfully completing programs of study at Calhoun and are among the nation's leading professionals.

In this brochure, we tell you more about one of the college's many exciting programs of study — **the Criminal Justice Program.**

About the Program

Everyday, Americans are confronted with endless images of gangs, drugs, armed robbery, domestic violence, and white collar crime. With one out of every four families victimized by crime each year, it is not surprising that two recent surveys found crime to be the number one concern of American citizens.

The criminal justice system is the network of agencies and employees whose sole purpose it is to battle America's crime problem. Many are discovering that one of the best weapons in this war is a more educated criminal justice professional.

The Criminal Justice Program at Calhoun attempts to provide students with a well-rounded educational experience. Some courses, for instance, may be very theoretical, while others offer opportunities for hands-on application. Before completing their degrees, many students choose to do an internship with one of over 25 participating agencies. This gives the student a glimpse of the criminal justice system in action.

Calhoun also has an active Criminal Justice Club which participates in various service projects and social activities throughout the year.

The Criminal Justice Program has one full-time and numerous part-time faculty members with the appropriate academic preparation and practical experience in law enforcement, the courts, corrections and juvenile justice.

Career Opportunities in the Field

There are nearly two million criminal justice employees in the United States. Starting salaries vary depending upon the amount of education required, but a good average is around \$25,000 annually.

With the current concern about crime, it is expected that career opportunities in the field will remain strong both nationally and locally. However, due to the fairly large number of individuals who are attracted to criminal justice careers, hiring for all positions is always competitive. Applicants must take the initiative to set themselves apart from the rest. A Calhoun Community College Criminal Justice degree is a step in that direction.

Need More Information?

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