



You can make a difference with a career in criminal justice. Graduates of the program find employment in a wide variety of entry-level positions within the profession.

Why SCC?

Our criminal justice faculty have extensive education and experience in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, probation, military, prosecution and defense litigation, crime scene investigation, homeland security, and private security. SCC instructors have proven experience, knowledge of proper procedures and an understanding of criminal law, which means students will receive up-to-date, relevant skills.

Program Overview

The Criminal Justice program is designed to prepare students to serve the community and its individuals in a variety of criminal justice settings. Graduates are prepared to perform the basic duties and tasks associated with entry-level positions in criminal justice and corrections and/or continue their education. The program introduces students to careers in law enforcement and/or corrections and equips them with both the skills and knowledge needed to ensure careers and/or additional education.

This program provides educational and internship experiences that enable students to succeed at an entry-level criminal justice job or advance in their criminal justice career. The program provides an overview of the criminal justice system while also focusing on elements of criminal investigations, supervision, communications, and reporting techniques.

Special Program Requirement

1. Course offerings and prerequisites will be determined by the program. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all CRIM classes and ENGL1010 (when listed as a prerequisite) to progress through the program.
2. A Criminal Background Check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the outcome of the CBC, a student may be prevented from taking certain courses, accessing certain laboratory experiences, or completing the program. A non-refundable fee of \$45 will be assessed for this CBC.
3. Criminal justice agencies have strict admission/hiring qualifications. Factors that usually disqualify candidates from employment include, but are not limited to, a criminal record (i.e. theft, assault, any felony), history of drug/alcohol abuse, significant psychological/personal disorders, dishonesty, etc. Criminal Justice agencies hire only the best qualified individuals to obtain and maintain public trust and confidence.

Associate of Applied Science Degree Associate of Arts Degree

Credit Hours Required for Graduation:

Associate of Applied Science Degree:

Criminal Justice..... 60.0

Associate of Arts Degree:

Criminal Justice..... 60.0



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Top Career Options

- Community Service Officer
- File Clerk
- Corrections Officer
- Public Safety Dispatcher
- Social Worker



Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$17.70 per hour.

2019-2020 Tuition/Fee Rate Per Credit Hour	
Nebraska Resident	\$108
Out-of-state tuition/fee rate	\$129

Estimated Expenses

Tuition/Fees	\$6,480
Books	650
Special Fees	137
Total:	\$7,267

General Education Requirements

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES-- 22.5 credit hours (all courses are required in this section)

GELO #1: Oral Communication		
SPCH1090: Fundamentals of Human Communication or higher	3.0	
GELO#2: Written Communication		
ENGL1010: English Composition	3.0	
GELO#4: Global Awareness and Citizenship		
SOCI1020: Diversity in Society	3.0	
Students must take 2 classes from the areas of	6.0	
GELO #3: Critical Thinking and Problem Solving		
GELO#5: Analytical, Quantitative, and Scientific Reasoning		
GELO #6: Career and Life Skills		
Total General Education Credits	15	

Criminal Justice Core Courses

Criminal Justice Courses -- 45 credit hours (all classes are required in this section)

Course #	Course title	Credit hrs
CRIM1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CRIM1020	Introduction to Corrections	3.0
CRIM1030	Courts and the Judicial Process	3.0
CRIM2000	Criminal Law	3.0
CRIM2030	Police & Society	3.0
CRIM2080	Criminal Procedures	3.0
CRIM2100	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CRIM2200	Criminology	3.0
CRIM2240	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3.0
CRIM2265	Criminal Investigation I	3.0
CRIM2270	Criminal Investigation II	3.0
CRIM2290	Report Writing in Criminal Justice	3.0
CRIM2340	Effective Communications in Criminal Justice	3.0
CRIM2400	Introduction to Homeland Security	3.0
		42 hours

ADVISOR APPROVED ELECTIVES 3 credit hours

Any Criminal Justice course not listed above OR Any advisor approved elective

A.A. Criminal Justice - Suggested Courses

The Associate of Arts degree is for students who plan to complete their first two years of a bachelor's degree before transferring to a four-year institution. For more specific information based on the institution to which you want to transfer, please visit: <https://www.southeast.edu/transfer-information/>

Credit Hours Required for Graduation 60.0 Credits

Written Communications 6.0 Credits

ENGL1010	English Composition I	3.0
AND one more course below:		
ENGL1020	English Composition II	3.0
ENGL2506	Technical Writing	3.0

NOTE: UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice requires both for ACE 1 requirement and Composition elective

Speech Communications 3.0 Credits

SPCH1090	Fundamentals of Comm.	
SPCH1110	Public Speaking	3.0
SPCH2810	Business & Professional Communication	3.0

NOTE: UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice requires one of the course to fulfill the ACE 2 requirement.

Mathematics/Logic 3.0 Credits

MATH1150	College Algebra	3.0
MATH1300	Pre-Calculus	5.0
MATH1400	Applied Calculus	3.0
MATH1600	Calculus with Analytical Geometry I	5.0
MATH2170/	Applied Statistics (Required)	3.0

NOTE: UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice require MATH2170 to fulfill the statistics requirement as ACE 3 at UNL. Students also will be required to take one of the following: MATH1150, MATH1300, MATH1400, and MATH1600 as one MATH for UNL requirement.

Natural Science with Lab 7.0 Credits

Take two of the following, including one lab course (4.0 or 5.0 hrs):

*BIOS1010	General Biology	4.0
BIOS1090	General Botany	4.0
BIOS1120	Introduction to Zoology	4.0
BIOS1140	Human Anatomy	4.0
*BIOS1400	Biology I	4.0
BIOS1410	Biology II	4.0
BIOS2130	Human Physiology	4.0
BIOS2250	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4.0
BIOS2260	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4.0
BIOS2460	Microbiology	4.0
BIOS2410	General Genetics	4.0
BIOT1400	Introduction to Biotechnology I	4.0
BIOT2400	Introduction to Biotechnology II	4.0
*CHEM1050	Chemistry & the Citizen	4.0
CHEM1090	General Chemistry I	4.0
CHEM1100	General Chemistry II	4.0
FSDT1350	Basic Nutrition	3.0
*GEOG1500	Physical Geography	4.0
*GEO11010	Physical Geology	4.0
GEO11060	Environmental Geology	3.0
PHYS1030	Astronomy	3.0
PHYS1100	Physical Science	4.0
PHYS1150	Descriptive Physics	4.0
*PHYS1410	Elementary General Physics I	5.0
PHYS1420	Elementary General Physics II	5.0
PSYC2730	Brain & Behavior	3.0

NOTES: Cannot receive credit for CHEM1050 and CHEM1090.

Credit cannot be received for more than one of these: PHYS1150, 1410 and 2110.

Not all 4-year schools will accept all of these classes. Check with an advisor.

Some 4-year schools require science courses to be taken from two different disciplines.

Check with an advisor at the 4-year schools you are considering.

*Denotes as a course qualifying as an ACE4 requirement UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Choose one course from ACE4 requirement and a second non-ACE4 course to transfer as a science course to UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Humanities 9.0 Credits Total

NOTES: Choose at least one course from ACE 5 and 7. Required to complete a 1020 level in a foreign language in order to meet UNL's foreign language admission requirement (unless you completed 2 years in high school).

Choose three courses from two different groups:

Group 1: Literature/Journalism/Philosophy:		
ENGL2050	Modern Fiction	3.0
ENGL2100	Introduction to Literature	3.0
ENGL2140	Introduction to Shakespeare	3.0

ENGL2150	Introduction to Women's Literature	3.0
ENGL2160	Children's Literature	3.0
ENGL2200	Science Fiction Literature	3.0
ENGL2210	American Literature After 1865	3.0
ENGL2220	British Literature Post 1800	3.0
ENGL2440	African American Literature	3.0
ENGL2450	Native American Literature	3.0
ENGL2460	Latino/a & Latin American Literature	3.0
ENGL2470	Asian American Literature	3.0
PHIL1010	Introduction to Philosophy	3.0
PHIL2130	Bioethics	3.0

NOTES: The above courses fulfill UNL's ACE 5 requirement in the College of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Group 2: Creative/Fine/Performing Arts:

ARTS1050	Intro to Art History & Criticism I	3.0
ARTS1060	Intro to Art History & Criticism II	3.0
*ARTS1110	Beginning Drawing I	3.0
*ARTS1210	2-Dimensional Design	3.0
*ARTS1330	Beginning Ceramics I	3.0
*ARTS2510	Beginning Painting I	3.0
*ARTS2650	Native American Art	3.0
*ARTS2750	Women in Art	3.0
*ARTS2850	History of Photography	3.0
ENGL1510	Introduction to Creative Writing	3.0
ENGL2520	Fiction Writing	3.0
ENGL2530	Poetry Writing	3.0
HUMS1200	Contemporary Arts & Ideas	3.0
MUSC1010	Introduction to Music	3.0
MUSC2870	History of Rock Music	3.0
*PHOT1750	Beginning Photography	3.0
PHOT1760	Digital Photography & Creative Imaging	3.0
SPCH2050	Oral Performance of Literature	3.0
THEA1010	Introduction to Theatre	3.0
*THEA1140	Basic Acting	3.0
*THEA2130	Film Appreciation	3.0

*Denotes class that will transfer as a Humanities Elective. All the other courses fulfill the ACE7 requirement for UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Group 3: Language

xxxx1010	Beginning Language I (CHIN: Chinese, GERM: German, SPAN: Spanish, or Sign)	5.0
xxxx1020	Beginning Language II (Chinese, German, Spanish, or Sign)	5.0

NOTE: UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice completion of 1020 level in a foreign language in order to meet UNL's foreign language admission requirement -- unless you have completed two years of high school foreign language. If taken in high school then choose another class from group 1 or 2.

Social Sciences 9.0 Credits

Economics/Political Science: (Choose one)

*ECON2110	Macroeconomics	3.0
*ECON2120	Microeconomics	3.0
*POLS1000	American Government	3.0
POLS1040	Comparative Politics	3.0
POLS1080	Intro to Political Science	3.0
POLS1600	International Relations	3.0

*Denotes a course to fulfill required ACE 8 requirement for UNL's College of Criminal Justice & Criminology.

Choose two additional course from the following three groups:

Group 1: Anthropology/Psychology/Sociology:

*ANTH1020	Intro to Cultural Anthropology	3.0
*ANTH1120	General Anthropology	3.0
PSYC1250	Interpersonal Relations	3.0
*PSYC1810	Introduction to Psychology	3.0
*PYSC2880	Social Psychology	3.0
PSYC2960	Lifespan Human Development	3.0
POLL1000	American Government	3.0
*SOCI1010	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
*SOCI1020	Diversity in Society	3.0
*SOCI2150	Issues of Unity & Diversity	3.0

Group 2: Geography/History:

GEOG1000	Exploring Our World: Fund of Geo Sci	3.0
*GEOG1400	Human Geography	3.0
*GEOG1420	World Regional Geography	3.0
HIST1000	Western Tradition to 1500	3.0
HIST1010	Western Tradition since 1500	3.0
HIST2010	American History I	3.0
*HIST2020	American History II	3.0
*HIST2100	World History to 1500 CE	3.0
*HIST2110	World History since 1500 CE	3.0
HIST2960	Survey of African American History	3.0

Culture & Gender Studies 3 credits

Choose one course.

*ANTH1120	General Anthropology	3.0	
ARTS2650	Native American Art	3.0	
ARTS2750	Women in Art	3.0	
*ENGL2150	Introduction to Women's Literature	3.0	
*ENGL2440	African American Literature	3.0	
*ENGL2450	Native American Literature	3.0	
*ENGL2460	Latino/a & Latin American Literature	3.0	
*ENGL2470	Asian American Literature	3.0	
*GEOG1400	Human Geography	3.0	
*GEOG1420	World Regional Geography	3.0	
GLST2980	Global Studies	3.0	
*HIST2100	World History to 1500 CE	3.0	
*HIST2110	World History since 1500 CE	3.0	
HIST2960	Survey of African American History	3.0	
*MUSC2800	Introduction to World Music	3.0	
*PHIL2610/	RELS2610	Comparative Religions	3.0

*POLS1600	International Relations	3.0
SOCI1020	Diversity in Society	3.0
SOCI2000	Women in Contemporary Society	3.0
*SOCI2010	Social Problems	3.0
*SOCI2150	Issues of Unity & Diversity	3.0
SPCH2110	Intercultural Communication	3.0

*Denotes course that fulfill the ACE9 requirement at UNL's College of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Electives 20.0 Credits

NOTE: The following courses are standard requirements for criminal justice majors at many, but not all, four-year schools. Schedule an appointment with an advisor for more specific advice.

CRIM1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIM1020	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRIM1030	Courts & the Judicial Process	3
CRIM2000	Criminal Law	3
CRIM2030	Police & Society	3
CRIM2080	Criminal Procedures	3
CRIM2100	Juvenile Justice	3
CRIM2200	Criminology	3

NOTE: Schedule an appointment with an advisor to see which of these courses will apply to your criminal justice major at your 4-year school.