



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate of Applied Science Degree

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You can make a difference with a career in Criminal Justice. Every day is different. Positions are available in corrections, courts, juvenile services, computer and physical security. Graduates of the Nebraska Law Enforcement focus will find employment in law enforcement at the city, county or state level.



Graduate Earnings

Recent graduates report an average starting wage of \$14.10 per hour.

Job Opportunities:

- Communications Officer
- Crime Lab Technician
- Crime Prevention Specialist
- Animal Control Officer
- K-9 Unit Specialist
- Railroad Police
- Corrections Officer
- Bailiff
- Investigator
- Patrol Officer
- Electronic Monitoring Officer
- Homeland Security Officer
- Juvenile Service Worker



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SCC offers Criminal Justice courses as electives in the Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree in the Academic Transfer program for student's seeking to earn a bachelor's degree.

Most federal programs, forensic crime labs, crime scene investigators, and probation officer positions require a bachelor's degree.

Each transfer school accepts different courses to fulfill their requirements. It is the student's responsibility to check with their receiving institution to see what credits will transfer. Please work closely with an SCC advisor when enrolling for transfer courses.

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 is intended to support the continued professional growth of in-service practitioners through the enhancement of field-specifics and knowledge. The 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, forensics and police report writing.

Our criminal justice faculty at SCC have extensive education and experience in law enforcement agencies, corrections agencies, juvenile justice, probation, military, prosecution and defense litigation, crime scene investigation 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.

Special Program Requirement:

Course offerings and prerequisites will be determined by the program. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all CRIM classes and ENGL1010 to progress through the program.

A criminal background check will be required of each student in this program. Based on the outcome of the background check, 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.

There are strict admission/hiring qualifications by criminal justice agencies if you are considering employment in the criminal justice profession. Factors that usually disqualify candidates from employment include (but 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.

General Education Requirements:

Contact your program advisor to select general education courses from each category which will meet your program's graduation requirements. See the General Education pages online for a complete list.

(One class from each area below).

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| Oral Communications | 4.5 |
| SPCH1090 Fundamentals of Human Communication | |
| Written Communications | 4.5 |
| ENGL1010 English Composition | |
| Mathematics | 4.5 |
| MATH1050 Thinking Mathematically or higher | |
| Social Science | 4.5 |
| SOCI1020 Diversity in Society | |
| (One class from one of the areas below) | |
| Science, Computer Technology or Humanities | 4.5 |
| | 22.5 hours |

Criminal Justice Core Courses:

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
|----------|------------------------------------|------------|
| CRIM1000 | Criminal Justice Seminar I | 1.0 |
| CRIM1010 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2240 | Ethics in Criminal Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2290 | Report Writing in Criminal Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2560 | Technical Writing | 4.5 |
| | | 19 hours |

Criminal Justice Focus:

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
|----------|---------------------------------|------------|
| CRIM1020 | Introduction to Corrections | 4.5 |
| CRIM1030 | Courts and the Judicial Process | 4.5 |
| CRIM2000 | Criminal Law | 4.5 |
| CRIM2030 | Police & Society | 4.5 |
| CRIM2080 | Criminal Procedures | 4.5 |
| CRIM2100 | Juvenile Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2200 | Criminology | 4.5 |
| CRIM2265 | Criminal Investigation I | 4.5 |
| CRIM2270 | Criminal Investigation II | 4.5 |
| | Advisor Approved Electives | 18.0 |
| | | 58.5 hours |

Community-Based Corrections & Juvenile Services Focus

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
|----------|---|------------|
| CRIM1030 | Courts & Judicial Process | 4.5 |
| CRIM2030 | Police & Society | 4.5 |
| CRIM2015 | Community-Based Corrections: Probation & Parole | 4.5 |
| CRIM2020 | Legal Issues in Corrections | 4.5 |
| CRIM2100 | Juvenile Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2200 | Criminology | 4.5 |
| CRIM2890 | Criminal Justice Seminar II | 1.5 |
| CRIM2900 | Criminal Justice Internship | 4.5 |
| HMRS1100 | Communication Skills in Human Services | 4.5 |
| HMRS1302 | Crisis Intervention | 4.5 |
| HMRS1404 | Introduction to Social Work | 4.5 |
| PSYC1810 | Introduction to Psychology | 4.5 |
| PSYC2900 | Adolescent Psychology | 4.5 |
| PSYC2960 | Life-span Human Development | 4.5 |
| | | 60.0 hours |



Corrections Focus

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
|----------|---|------------|
| CRIM1020 | Introduction to Corrections | 4.5 |
| CRIM1030 | Courts & Judicial Process | 4.5 |
| CRIM2015 | Community-Based Corrections: Probation and Parole | 4.5 |
| CRIM2020 | Legal Issues in Corrections | 4.5 |
| CRIM2100 | Juvenile Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2200 | Criminology | 4.5 |
| CRIM2330 | Corrections Administration | 4.5 |
| CRIM2890 | Criminal Justice Seminar II | 1.5 |
| CRIM2900 | Criminal Justice Internship | 4.5 |
| CRIM2910 | Jail Management Certification Training | 8.0 |
| HMRS1100 | Communication Skills in Human Services | 4.5 |
| HMRS1302 | Crisis Intervention | 4.5 |
| PHED1000 | Lifetime Fitness | 4.5 |
| PHED1060 | Fitness throughout Life | 3.0 |
| | | 62 hours |

Homeland Security Focus

The Homeland Security focus within the Criminal Justice program at Southeast Community College (Nebraska) prepares students for a career in a post-9/11 world.

- Classes are online
- Courses designed to transfer to four-year institutions (most federal jobs require a baccalaureate degree)
- SCC offers an affordable tuition and fee rate
- Students will learn how to meet the challenges of preventing crime and terrorism, both foreign and domestic, as well as prevent and react to natural and man made disasters and manage and develop emergency plans in the public and private sectors
- Program designed for entry-level professionals and those already in the field

SCC is a Military Friendly school. SCC recognizes the commitment and sacrifices that our U.S. military personnel have demonstrated through their courage and bravery. SCC is committed to assisting veterans, active military personnel and their families who want to pursue a higher education.

SCC's Veterans Affairs Office offers assistance to those students who are eligible with: Financial Aid (FAFSA), Student Veterans Organization Scholarships, tuition assistance programs, and outside donor scholarships. SCC also recognizes the G.I. Bill and works with the VA and veterans who are receiving those benefits.

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
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| CRIM2030 | Police & Society | 4.5 |
| CRIM2400 | Introduction to Homeland Security | 4.5 |
| CRIM2410 | Homeland Security Transportation | 4.5 |
| CRIM2430 | Emergency Response & Security Measures | 4.5 |
| CRIM2450 | Domestic & International Terrorism | 4.5 |
| CRIM2460 | Intelligence Analysis and Security Management | 4.5 |
| CRIM2465 | Introduction to Cyber-Terrorism | 4.5 |
| CRIM2470 | Constitutional Issues in Homeland Security | 4.5 |
| POLS1000 | American Government | 4.5 |
| POLS1080 | Introduction to Political Science | 4.5 |
| POLS1600 | International Relations | 4.5 |
| PSYC1810 | Introduction to Psychology | 4.5 |
| SOCI1010 | Introduction to Sociology | 4.5 |
| | | 58.5 hours |



Nebraska Law Enforcement Focus

| Course # | Course title | Credit hrs |
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| CRIM1030 | Courts and the Judicial Process | 4.5 |
| CRIM1280 | Forensic Science & Laboratory Techniques | 5.5 |
| CRIM2000 | Criminal Law | 4.5 |
| CRIM2030 | Police & Society | 4.5 |
| CRIM2080 | Criminal Procedures | 4.5 |
| CRIM2100 | Juvenile Justice | 4.5 |
| CRIM2190 | Law Enforcement Field Services | 4.5 |
| CRIM2200 | Criminology | 4.5 |
| CRIM2265 | Criminal Investigation I | 4.5 |
| CRIM2270 | Criminal Investigation II | 4.5 |
| CRIM2890 | Criminal Justice Seminar II | 1.5 |
| CRIM2900 | Criminal Justice Internship | 4.5 |
| HMRS1100 | Communication Skills in Human Services | 4.5 |
| HMRS1302 | Crisis Intervention | 4.5 |
| PHED1000 | Lifetime Fitness | 4.5 |
| PHED1060 | Fitness Throughout Life | 3.0 |
| | | 68.5 hours |

Approved Electives

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| CRIM1280 | Forensic Science & Laboratory Techniques | 5.5 |
| CRIM2015 | Community-Based Corrections: Probation and Parole | 4.5 |
| CRIM2190 | Law Enforcement Field Services | 4.5 |
| CRIM2400 | Introduction to Homeland Security | 4.5 |
| CRIM2890 | Criminal Justice Seminar II | 1.5 |
| CRIM2900 | Criminal Justice Internship | 4.5 |
| BIOS1010 | General Biology | 6.0 |
| BSAD1010 | Microsoft Applications I | 4.5 |
| BSAD1020 | Microsoft Applications II | 4.5 |
| BSAD1090 | Business Law I | 4.5 |
| BSAD1100 | Business Law II | 4.5 |
| FSDT1350 | Basic Nutrition | 4.5 |
| HMRS1100 | Communication Skills in Human Services | 4.5 |
| HMRS1302 | Crisis Interventions | 4.5 |
| HMRS1320 | Multi-Cultural Competency | 4.5 |
| HMRS2361 | Domestic Abuse | 4.5 |
| HMRS2362 | Child Abuse | 4.5 |
| OFFT2210 | Legal Processes I | 4.5 |
| OFFT2220 | Legal Processes II | 4.5 |
| PHED1000 | Lifetime Fitness | 4.5 |
| PHED1060 | Fitness Throughout Life | 4.5 |
| PSYC1810 | Introduction to Psychology | 4.5 |
| PSYC2960 | Life-Span Human Development | 4.5 |
| PSYC2980 | Abnormal Psychology | 4.5 |
| SIGN1010 | Beginning American Sign Language I | 6.0 |
| SIGN1020 | Beginning American Sign Language II | 6.0 |
| SOCI1010 | Introduction to Sociology | 4.5 |
| SPAN1010 | Beginning Spanish I | 7.5 |
| SPAN1020 | Beginning Spanish II | 7.5 |



To determine overall costs, students should plan a budget that includes room, meals, clothing, laundry, medical care, recreation and entertainment, transportation, insurance, etc.

Nebraska Resident tuition rate is \$61.50 per credit hour. Out-of-state tuition rate is \$75.50 per credit hour.

Student fee is \$1.50 per credit hour. Graduation fee is \$25.

Housing is available at Beatrice and Milford campuses only. Quarterly tuition, books and fees are dependent upon classes taken.

Based on completing an average of 13.5 credits each quarter, this program will take approximately eight quarters to complete. Quarterly tuition, books, and fees will be dependent upon classes taken each quarter. If foundation classes in Math and English need to be taken, this could possibly extend past eight quarters.

Estimated Expenses

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| Criminal Background Check | \$45 |
| Crime Scene Kit (online only) | \$85 |
| Safety Goggles | \$5 |
| Memo Pad | \$2 |

- **Criminal Justice Focus**
- **Nebraska Law Enforcement Focus**
- **Corrections Focus**
- **Community-Based Corrections & Juvenile Services Focus**

Approx. 8 quarters to complete
Based on approx. 13.5 credit hrs/qtr

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| Tuition & Fees | \$851 |
| Books | \$517 |
| Average per Quarter: | \$1,368 |
| Total Estimate (8 qtrs.) | \$10,944 |

- **Homeland Security Focus**

Approx. 7 quarters to complete
Based on approx. 13.5 credit hrs/qtr

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|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Tuition & Fees | \$851 |
| Books | \$517 |
| Average per Quarter: | \$1,368 |
| Total Estimate (7 qtrs.) | \$9,576 |

