ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Program Description

Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Applied Science Criminal Justice General Track Degree. The Criminal Justice Program prepares the student for entry level work in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, court systems, loss safety and prevention, and other related occupations. The Criminal Justice vocations have evolved from jobs with minimal requirements to employment positions that require complex knowledge and skills. The Criminal Justice Program Curriculum provides the student with a foundation of theory, principles, and techniques employed by the criminal justice agencies. Graduates who complete an AAS Criminal Justice Degree may seek job opportunities on the federal, state, county, municipal levels of government, and private sectors of the criminal justice field.

Progression in the Criminal Justice program is contingent upon the achievement of a grade of "C" or better in each CRJ course and maintenance of a 2.0 cumulative grade point average or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Graduation of an AAS Criminal Justice Degree or program certificate(s) is contingent on the completion of the approved post exit exam as identified by the Criminal Justice KCTCS Curriculum Committee. Failure to complete the identified and approved post exit exam will result in the failure to complete required Criminal Justice Program requirements (as identified by the Criminal Justice KCTCS Curriculum Committee), and graduation of the AAS Criminal Justice Degree or program certificate(s) will not be issued to the student.

List of Colleges

Ashland Community & Technical College, Big Sandy Community & Technical College, Bluegrass Community & Technical College, Elizabethtown Community & Technical College, Gateway Community & Technical College, Hazard Community & Technical College, Hopkinsville Community College, Jefferson Community & Technical College, Madisonville Community College, Owensboro Community & Technical College, Somerset Community College, Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College, West Kentucky Community & Technical College offer this diploma.

One of these colleges must be designated as your Home College because only a Home College can confer a degree. Even though the classes will be delivered by different KCTCS colleges, the Home College will admit you and take care of all of your student service needs including advising, library services, billing, financial aid, etc.

Getting Started

Students may register for KCTCS online classes offered system wide directly at any KCTCS college. Individuals may also complete a "course inquiry" submit form through www.kyvc.org. KYVC course inquiries are submitted directly to the KCTCS Home College identified by the student. The student's chosen Home College processes the course inquiry either through formal admission procedures or class enrollment. Additional information about KCTCS admission requirements and college contacts may be accessed at http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm.aspx .

Course Requirements

Here is a listing of the classes involved in this degree. There may be additional courses that meet these requirements. Please check the current course catalog and online class schedule for additional information and offerings. The entire Associate in Applied Science degree may be completed online; however, some faculty may require proctored exams. Approved proctored sites are listed at http://www.kctcs.edu/en/Students/LearnByTerm.aspx under student services.

Program Title: **AAS Criminal Justice**			
Course Prefix	**Course Number**	**Course Title**	**Credit Hours**
ENG	101	**General Education:** Writing I	3
ENG	102	Writing II	3
COM	181	Basic Public Speaking OR	3
COM	252	Introduction to Interpersonal Communication	(3)
		Quantitative Reasoning Course (s)	3
		Natural Sciences	3
		Heritage/Humanities	3
POL	101	American Government OR	3
POL	255	State Government	(3)
PSY	110	General Psychology	3
SOC	101	Introduction to Sociology	3
		Elective Courses	6
		Subtotal:	**33**
		Computer Literacy OR General Education Elective	3
		(*Computer Literacy must be demonstrated either by Competency exam or by completing an approved Computer literacy course; if student does not have to take a computer literacy class then the student must choose a general education elective for the completion of the three (3) hours).	
		Subtotal	**3**
		Technical Core Requirements:	

CRJ	100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ	216	Criminal Law	3
CRJ	217	Criminal Procedures	3
CRJ	204	Criminal Investigations	3
CRJ	202	Issues and Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
		Subtotal:	**15**
Criminal Justice Track: Track Electives: (Choose 9 credit hours from the following courses)			
CRJ	102	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ	110	Principles of Asset Protection	3
CRJ	201	Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CRJ	203	Community Corrections/Probation & Parole	3
CRJ	208	Delinquency and the Juvenile Justice System	3
CRJ	210	Physical Security Technology and Systems	3
CRJ	211	Liability and Legal Issues	3
CRJ	215	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CRJ	218	Police Supervision	3
CRJ	220	Introduction to Computer Forensics	3
CRJ	222	Prison and Jail Administration	3
CRJ	230	Criminal Justice Courtroom Procedures	3
CRJ	231	Legal Aspects of Corrections	3
CRJ	240	Introduction to Corporate and Industrial Security	3
CRJ	245	Introduction to Business and Financial Fraud	3
CRJ	277	Introduction to Criminology	3
CRJ	279	Terrorism and Political Violence	3
CRJ	290	Internship in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ	299	Selected Topics in Criminal Justice	1-3

		Subtotal:	**9**
		Technical Elective	0-3
		Subtotal **Total Credits**	**0-3** **60-63**

Links:

APPLICATION: http://www.kctcs.edu/students/admissions/apply_online.aspx

CALENDAR: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm/Calendar.aspx

CONTACTS: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm/Learn_By_Term_Advisors/College_Contacts.aspx

COURSES: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm/Online_Courses.aspx

FINANCIAL AID: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/Costs_and_Financial_Aid.aspx

GETTING STARTED: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm/Getting_Started.aspx

STUDENT TUTORIAL: http://www.kctcs.edu/Students/LearnByTerm/Tutorials.aspx

KCTCS COURSES AVAILABLE AT KYVC: http://kyvc.org/