

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate Degree

The Associate Degree in Criminal Justice introduces the graduate to three facets of the Criminal Justice System (e.g., Police, Courts, and Corrections). This degree plan is broadly interdisciplinary in nature embracing the study of the humanities, law, and 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 fill the New Mexico Common Core Requirements. However, courses other than those listed may meet a requirement, as noted in the NMSU Las Cruces catalog. Consult an advisor for an explanation.

Credits

New Mexico Common Core Requirements: (33 credits)

COMMUNICATIONS (10 credits)

ENGL	111G	4
ENGL	211G OR 203G OR 218G	3
COMM	253G OR 265G	3

MATHEMATICS (3 credits)

MATH	210G	
	OR approved math alternative	3

SCIENCE: (8 credits)

ASTR	105G OR 110G	4
BIOL	101G/GL OR 111G/GL OR 211G/GL	4
CHEM	110G OR 111/GL OR 112/GL	
GEOG	111G	
GEOL	111G	
PHYS	110G OR 211G/GL OR 212G/GL	

HUMANITIES/FINE ART (6 credits)

HIST	101G, 102G, 201G, 202G, (211G, 212G)	3
ENGL	244G	3
ART	101G, 110G; MUS 101G, 201G; THTR 101G	

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE (6 credits)

ANTH	120G, 125G, 201G; C EP 110G, PSY 201G	3
PHIL	101G, 201G, 211G	3
ECON	201G, 251G, 252G; GOVT 100G, 110G, 150G, 160G;	
SOC	101G, 201G; WS 201G, 202G	

Criminal Justice Requirements (15 credits)

C J	101G	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
C J	205	Criminal Law I	3
C J	210	The American Law Enforcement System	3
C J	230	Introduction to Corrections	3
C J	250	Courts and the Criminal Justice System	3

Second Language Requirements for Associate Degree: (6-8 credits)

1) Completion of a second language through the 112 level or 2) Completion of a second language through the 213 level for native speakers or 3) Fulfilling one of the alternatives (see an advisor for specifics)

Campus Requirements (4 credits)

COLL	101		
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C S	110		3

Electives (to bring total to 68)

Total Credits Required **68**

Students should consult an advisor regarding Math alternatives and Honors courses that can be used to fulfill requirements.

Students wishing to pursue the Bachelor Degree in Criminal Justice at NMSU should see an Academic Advisor regarding the best choices for electives.

Students seeking a major in Criminal Justice must be officially admitted to the major by the Department of Criminal Justice in Las Cruces. The admission process is competitive. Admission to upper division Criminal Justice courses does not occur until all requirements for the Associate in Criminal Justice have been met, including the same grade point requirement as for the bachelor's degree.

A grade of C or better is required in all Criminal Justice courses and any courses filling the Common Core Requirements.

A maximum of 9 credit hours of applied coursework may be counted toward graduation. PL S (Paralegal Studies) courses can *never* replace or substitute for a Criminal Justice (C J) course but may be used as electives within the 9-credit applied course limit. Please contact an advisor to determine which courses are considered "applied" coursework.