

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 concurrently fill the New Mexico Common Core Requirements and the Arts & Sciences Core Courses. However, courses other than those listed may meet a New Mexico Common Core requirement and an Arts & Sciences Core course requirement separately, as noted in the NMSU-Las Cruces catalog. Consult an advisor for an explanation.

Credits

New Mexico Common Core Requirements: (39 credits)

COMMUNICATIONS

ENGL	111G	4
ENGL	211G OR 203G OR 218G	3
C S	110G	3
COMM	253G OR 265G	3

MATHEMATICS

MATH	210G	
	OR approved math alternative	3

SCIENCE: 8 credits from the following:

ASTR	105G OR 110G	4
BIOL	101G/L OR 111G/L OR 211G/L	4
CHEM	110G OR 111/L OR 112/L	
GEOG	111G	
GEOL	111G	
PHYS	110G OR 211/L OR 212/L	8

HUMANITIES/FINE ART

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

SOCIAL/BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE

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	3

Criminal Justice Requirements (15 credits)

C J	101 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)

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 Arts & Sciences Core Requirements.

A maximum of 9 credit hours of applied course work 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" course work.