

Associate of Applied Science - Criminal Justice Services to Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Prairie State College (PSC) and Governors State University (GovState) for the Criminal Justice degree program based on the current catalogs of both schools. The student would receive an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Criminal Justice Services degree from PSC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Criminal Justice from GovState.

I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION (21-22 Hours)

(Refer to the AAS Degree Guidelines for a list of courses in Areas B through E)

Area A: Communications (9 hours)

- ENG 101 - Composition I (3)
- ENG 102 - Composition II (3)
- COMM 101 - Principles of Communication (3)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (3 hours)

Humanities or Fine Arts Course – PHILO 101 (recommended) (3)*

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (3-4 hours)

Physical or Life Science Course (3-4)*

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 hours)

- SOCIO 101 - Introduction to Sociology (3) (required for GSU)
- POLSC 140 - Introduction to U.S. Government and Politics (3) (req'd for AAS)

II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (39 Hours)

- CJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) (Meets CJUS 2100)
- CJ 102 - Introduction to Criminology (3) (Req'd for AAS)
- CJ 103 - Law Enforcement Organization (3) (Req'd for AAS)
- CJ 106 - Introduction to Corrections (3) (Meets CJUS 2200)
- CJ 110 - Community Based Policing (3) (Meets CJUS 2400)
- CJ 120 - Introduction to Homeland Security (3)
- CJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Law I (3) (Meets CJUS 2360)
- CJ 203 - Principles of Criminal Investigation (3)
- CJ 204 - Juvenile Justice (3) (Meets CJUS 2300)
- CJ 207 - Street Law: Understanding Law and Legal Issues (3)
- CJ 208 - Principles of Criminalistics (3)
- CJ 270 - Computer Forensics (3)
- ITAPP 101 - Introduction to Computers (3)

REQUIRED A.A.S. DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL: 60-61 Hours

*** Refer to the PSC AAS guidelines for a list of course choices in Area B-E.**

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III. TO BE TAKEN AT PSC OR GOVSTATE (15-17 hours)

Fine Arts Course (3)*
Humanities Course (3)*
Statistics Course (3-4) [PSC MATH 115 or 153 or BUS 240 or GovState MATH 2100]
Life or Physical Science Course [based on course completed at PSC] (3-4)*
(Must have a lab if lacking a lab in Section I)
PSC PSYCH 101 or GovState PSYC-1101 (3) (GovState Required)

* Refer to the PSC or GovState catalog for a list of course choices in Section III.

IV. TO BE TAKEN AT GOVSTATE (42-45 Hours)

Required Courses (24 hours)

CJUS 3099 - Junior Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)
CJUS 3100 - Foundations of Social Justice (3)
CJUS 3250 - Foundations of Restorative Justice (3)
CJUS 3415 - Criminological Inquiry and Research Design (3)
CJUS 3440 - Exploring Ethics in the Justice System (3)
CJUS 4100 - Theories of Crime and Deviance (3)
CJUS 4565 - Comparative and International Perspectives in Criminal Justice (3)
CJUS 4900 - Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)

Selectives (15 hours)

Students must also take 15 credits of selective courses from approved list in GovState catalog. Students also have the option to complete a concentration in Restorative Justice.

Electives (3-6 hours)

Student must complete at least 1 hour of 3000/4000 level coursework.

Minimum Required for BA in Criminal Justice: 120 Hours

For Additional Information:

Governors State University
Jaguar Transfer Evaluator at
<https://govst.transfer.degree/>

Visit the College of Arts and Sciences at
www.govst.edu/cas

Prairie State College
Visit Prairie State College at
www.prairiestate.edu

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