

## Associate of Arts 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 of Arts (AA) degree from PSC and a Bachelors of Arts (BA) degree in Criminal Justice from GovState.

### I. TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE CURRICULUM: (37-38 Hours)

(Refer to the AA 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 (9 hours)

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

#### Area C: Mathematics (3 hours)

- MATH 115 - General Education Statistics (3) (required by GovState)

#### Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 hours)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab.

- Life Science Course (3-4)\*
- Physical Science Course (3-4)\*

#### Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- PSYCH 101 - Introduction to Psychology (3) (required by GovState)
- SOCIO 101 - Introduction to Sociology (3) (required by GovState)
- Social and Behavioral Science Course (3)\*

### II. AREA OF CONCENTRATION/MAJOR FIELD (3 Hours)

- CJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice (3) (meets CJUS 2100)

### III. ELECTIVES (21-22 Hours)

- CJ 102 - Introduction to Criminology (3) (recommended)
- CJ 106 - Intro to Corrections (3) (recommended - meets CJUS 2200)
- CJ 110 - Community Based Policing (3) (recommended - meets CJUS 2400)
- CJ 201 - Intro to Criminal Law (3) (recommended - meets CJUS 2360)
- CJ 204 - Juvenile Justice (3) (recommended - meets CJUS 2300)
- Free Electives (6-7)\*

#### REQUIRED A.A. DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL: 62 Hours

**\*Refer to the PSC AA guidelines for a list of course choices in Section I and III.**

Note: Students are strongly encouraged to complete up to 78 hours at PSC by taking additional electives which will reduce the GovState Electives.

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## IV. TO BE TAKEN AT GOVSTATE (58 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 4465 - Comparative and International Perspectives in Criminal Justice (3)
- CJUS 4900 - Senior Seminar in Criminal Justice (3)

### Selectives (15-18 hours)

Based on what is completed at PSC, students must also take 15-18 credits of selective courses from approved list in GovState catalog. Students also have the option to complete a concentration in Restorative Justice.

### Electives (16-19 hours)

At least 1 hour must be at the 3000-4000 level.

## 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](http://www.govst.edu/cas)

**Prairie State College  
Visit Prairie State College at**  
[www.prairiestate.edu](http://www.prairiestate.edu)

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