

# Criminal Justice

100% ONLINE

Now 100% online, the Criminal Justice program offers educational options to help you meet your goals

Are you motivated to serve your community? Do you have a strong sense of justice? Are you curious about what goes on behind the scenes in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections facilities? Minnesota State College Southeast's Criminal Justice program is an excellent place to start your education in the fields of law enforcement and human services.

The three Criminal Justice options at MSC Southeast provide students with varying levels of education. While some positions require an associate degree or higher, the knowledge and skills attained through a certificate or diploma is preferred for nearly all entry level jobs. These tiered awards allow students to earn credentials at their own pace as their schedules permit.

For maximum flexibility, all Criminal Justice coursework is available 100% online, so you can plan your education around the work and family commitments in your life.

## Certificate - 16 Credits

If you're considering an entry level position within a criminal justice or human services field, the 16-credit certificate in Criminal Justice is a good place to start. This program includes two liberal arts classes and three classes directly related to criminal justice, plus a 1-credit class in Career and Education planning.

## Diploma - 32 Credits

The one-year diploma in Criminal Justice includes a balance of 16 liberal arts credits and 16 criminal justice credits. This coursework is foundational to any career path in the field. If you have already earned the certificate, you can add classes to complete the diploma.

## Associate of Applied Science (AAS) - 60 Credits

This 2-year degree is designed for students who are preparing for a career in Criminal Justice or planning to transfer onward to a 4-year degree. It includes more in-depth studies in topics such as computer crimes, evidence procedures, and criminal law. If you have already earned the diploma, you can add classes to complete the associate of applied science degree.

Every faculty member in MSC Southeast's Criminal Justice program has working experience in the criminal justice profession, totaling over 150 years of experience. Additionally, all faculty have post-graduate degrees. This combination of expertise in the profession coupled with commitment to higher education is a testimony to the depth and knowledge of MSC Southeast's Criminal Justice Program.

## Program Learning Outcomes

1. Understand how the criminal justice system works and how public opinion influences policies for responding to crime
2. Understand the numerous components of criminal justice system
3. Understand the causation of friction between community and police such as political influence, corruption, policy/law discretion, and discriminatory acts
4. Understand the sociological, psychological and biological perspectives on the causation of crime and criminal behavior
5. Understand hiring practices, training evolutions, subcultures, attitudes and orientation of criminal justice professionals



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Explore the historical development of Law Enforcement, Courts, and Corrections

Overview of the evolution, history, theories and societal responses associated with the juvenile justice system

Make-up of the criminal justice system and their interrelationships in our diverse society

How society influences policing

Examine issues of crime, violence, and punishment from the perspectives of criminal justice professionals, criminals, and prisoners

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Corrections Officers  
Probation Officers  
Local Police Departments  
State and Federal Agencies  
Human Services  
Correctional Treatment Specialist  
Security Officers  
Gaming Surveillance Officers

## JOB PLACEMENT

Nearly 66.7%

**PROGRAM COSTS -  
estimated cost including tuition,  
books and supplies**

Criminal Justice - AAS	\$12,098
Criminal Justice - Diploma	\$6,574
Criminal Justice - Certificate	\$3,357

## Criminal Justice Full-time Program Plans

### Criminal Justice - AAS

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>		
ENGL1215	College Writing I	3
SOCS1110	Introduction to Sociology	3
HUMA1125	Moral Problems	3
INSP1525	Career and Educational Planning	1
MATH	Any 1000 level math course	2
CJSP1102	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		
SPAN1230	Introduction to Hispanic Cultures	3
PSYC1110	Introduction to Psychology	3
POLS1101	Introduction to Political Science	3
CJSP1220	Police and Community	3
CJSP1230	Introduction to Corrections	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Third Semester (Fall)</b>		
SOCS2525	Social Deviance	3
CJSP2104	Introduction to Criminology/ Criminal Behavior	3
CJSP2110	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency	3
CJSP2140	Crime Victims/Computer Crimes	3
CJSP2250	Leadership/Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Fourth Semester (Spring)</b>		
HUMA1430	Exploring World Cultures	3
CHEM1225	Introduction to Forensic Science OR other Restricted Gen Ed Elective	3
CJSP2170	Offender Risk Assessment OR other Restricted Technical Elective	3
CJSP2205	Criminal Law and Procedures	3
CJSP2225	Courtroom and Evidence Procedures	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Total Required Credits - 60</b>		

### Criminal Justice - Diploma

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>		
ENGL	Any 1000 level English course	2
SOCS1110	Introduction to Sociology	3
INSP1525	Career and Educational Planning	1
CJSP1102	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJSP2110	Juvenile Justice/Delinquency	3
CJSP2250	Leadership/Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		
MATH	Any 1000 level Math course	2
HUMA1125	Moral Problems	3
PSYC1110	Introduction to Psychology	3
SPAN1230	Introduction to Hispanic Cultures	3
CJSP1220	Police and Community	3
CJSP1230	Introduction to Corrections	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Total Required Credits - 32</b>		

### Criminal Justice - Certificate

Course No.	Course Name	Credits
<b>First Semester (Fall)</b>		
SOCS/PSYC	Introduction to Sociology OR Introduction to Psychology	3
INSP1525	Career and Educational Planning	1
CJSP1102	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Second Semester (Spring)</b>		
HUMA1125	Moral Problems	3
CJSP1230	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJSP1220	Police and Community	3
<b>Semester total</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Total Required Credits - 16</b>		

**Please note:**

The Criminal Justice program does not lead directly to a professional license. Additional education and training is required to meet the standards established by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board for employment as a peace/law enforcement officer.