

LAW-RELATED STUDIES

Overview

The Division of Law-Related Studies offers students the education needed to enter the law enforcement and paralegal professions.

The Criminal Justice associate degree program is for students who desire to begin careers in law enforcement, upgrade their skills, or transfer to a four-year institution to obtain a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, criminology or sociology. Some courses offered in the training curriculum at the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy may be eligible for credit toward the Criminal Justice associate degree at TTC. Courses taken at TTC may be transferable to the S.C. Criminal Justice Academy for recertification credit for certified police and detention officers. Some credit may transfer to public and private colleges as well. Contact your advisor for more information about transfer options in criminal justice. The college also offers four Criminal Justice certificates: Law Enforcement, Corrections, Crime Scene Investigation, and Emergency Management and Protection. These certificates are designed for students who are not seeking an associate degree but need course work in criminal justice to help them gain employment or advance in their respective fields of employment.

TTC's Paralegal associate degree program is designed for students who want a career as a paralegal. The college also offers a Paralegal certificate program for students who already have some college credit. To enter the certificate program students must have at least 49.5 quarter or 33 semester credit hours, at a C or better, from an approved, accredited postsecondary institution. Of these hours, three hours must be CPT 101 or a comparable computer course, and 18 hours must be general education courses spread across three disciplines, with six of those 18 hours being comprised of ENG 101 and SPC 205 or SPC 209. Contact your advisor for further details. The Paralegal certificate program and the Paralegal associate degree program have received the approval of the American Bar Association.

General Information

Through internships, work-study positions or the college's cooperative education program, Criminal Justice and Paralegal students are provided the opportunity to receive on-the-job training in a variety of settings.

Students interested in Law-Related Studies programs should consult with a faculty advisor to discuss program requirements, class times and frequency of offerings. Seating is limited, so early registration is recommended. For more information call 843.574.6890.

Cancellation Policy

TTC reserves the right to cancel courses due to inadequate enrollment.

Programs of Study

Associate Degree Programs

Criminal Justice
Paralegal

Certificate Programs

Criminal Justice: Corrections
Criminal Justice: Law Enforcement
Crime Scene Investigation
Emergency Management and Protection
Paralegal

Note: The CRJ degree and all CRJ certificates are also available online for those students who work or have other situations that prevent in-class attendance.

Criminal Justice

Associate in Applied Science

Credit Requirements: 66 Semester Credit Hours

The Criminal Justice associate degree prepares students for entry-level positions in law enforcement agencies as police officers and civilian support staff; in corrections and detention facilities as corrections officers and jailers; in prosecutors' offices and criminal defense firms as investigators, clerks, and support staff; in private security agencies as security officers and investigators; and in homeland and corporate security departments as investigators, risk analysis officers, and loss prevention and emergency planners where a degree is required. The degree also positions employees for pay raises and promotion eligibility.

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Recommended Sequence of Courses

First Semester – Fall

CPT 101	Introduction to Computers	3
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
CRJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 125	Criminology	3
CRJ 126	Research Methods	3
Total 15		

Second Semester – Spring

CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
or		
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
CRJ 220	Judicial Process	3
or		
BUS 121	Business Law I	3
CRJ 115	Criminal Law I	3
ELE CRJ	Select three credit hours from Criminal Justice Electives	3
REQ SSC	Select three credit hours from Behavioral/Social Sciences listing on page B-3	3
Total 15		

Third Semester – Summer

CRJ 230	Criminal Investigations I	3
CRJ 222	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 242	Correctional Systems	3
ELE CRJ	Select three credit hours from Criminal Justice Electives	3
Total 12		

Fourth Semester – Fall

CRJ 236	Criminal Evidence	3
REQ MAT/SCI	Select one course from Math/Natural Sciences listing on page B-4	3
ELE CRJ	Select three credit hours from Criminal Justice Electives	3
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Total 12		

Fifth Semester – Spring

REQ HUM	Select one course from Humanities listing on page B-3	3
CRJ 130	Police Administration	3
ELE CRJ	Select three credit hours from Criminal Justice Electives	3
ELE CRJ	Select three credit hours from Criminal Justice Electives	3
Total 12		

Note: Discuss course selection with your advisor regarding transferability to four-year colleges. Some courses may not transfer.

Criminal Justice Electives

Select from the list below. At least four courses must have CRJ prefix.

CRJ 102	Introduction to Security	3
CRJ 110	Police Patrol	3
CRJ 120	Constitutional Law	3
CRJ 140	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CRJ 202	Criminalistics	3
CRJ 210	The Juvenile and the Law	3
CRJ 212	Protection Management	3
CRJ 218	Crisis Intervention	3
CRJ 224	Police Community Relations	3
CRJ 232	White Collar Crimes Investigation	3
CRJ 233	Cyber Crimes and the Law	3
CRJ 235	Practical Crime Scene Investigation	3
CRJ 239	Homeland Security and Terrorism	3
CRJ 241	Transportation and Border Security	3
CRJ 243	Criminal Profiling	3
CRJ 244	Probation, Pardon and Parole	3
CRJ 245	Intelligence Analysis and Security Management	3
CRJ 250	Criminal Justice Internship I	3
CWE 113	Cooperative Work Experience	
CWE 123	Cooperative Work Experience	

Any additional three-hour college-level course from the Catalog except ENG 150, COL 103 and courses labeled nondegree credit in the course description can be used as a criminal justice general elective.

Paralegal Program

This program is approved by the American Bar Association (ABA) and is an institutional member of the American Association for Paralegal Education (AAFPE).

Program Goals

- Provide a well-rounded program of education for students who wish to seek employment as paralegals in a variety of settings.
- Provide students with the knowledge, skills and understanding of legal ethics necessary to work under the supervision of attorneys to assist in the delivery of legal services.

Program Objectives

- Explain role of paralegal in law office, identify employment opportunities, prepare résumés and apply effective interview techniques.