



CISCO COLLEGE

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Acquiring a job in the criminal justice field can start you on one of the most rewarding career paths available, offering you the opportunity to work for the good of the community every day. Positions in law enforcement, the legal system, social work, and forensic science are necessary to maintain order and ensure that the innocent are protected and the guilty are punished. In many cases, these positions are available to anyone with a clean background and an associates degree in criminal justice. This means that after completing two years of college coursework, as opposed to a four-year

degree, you could be part of the solution. While helping to keep streets safe, you could receive good benefits and have the potential for advancement. Although the job most commonly associated with a criminal justice field is a position in law enforcement, criminal investigators and police officers are only a few of the roles necessary to keep the legal systems running smoothly. Criminal justice jobs include positions responsible for prevention (like youth counselors, or security officers), prosecution (legal aids and paralegals who work closely with the courts), victim advocates, correctional officers (maintaining order in prisons, jails, and detention facilities), and parole officers. In fact, any position that works to uphold the law- from an insurance investigator to a crime scene technician- represents an essential element in the criminal justice system. One of the great benefits of the Associates Degree in Criminal Justice is that it allows for more on-the-job experience; a feature that is becoming more and more attractive to potential employers.

## TOP JOB OPPORTUNITIES

- Police Officer
- Sheriff
- Paralegal
- Correctional Officer
- Private Investigator
- Fish and Game Warden
- Crime Scene Technician
- Bailiff
- Police Dispatch
- Security Officer

## WORK ENVIRONMENT

- Depending upon position, possibility of physically demanding, dangerous, and stressful work or situations
- The necessity to be alert and ready to ready
- Crime and accident scenes, as well as being exposed and having to deal with death and suffering
- Rewarding work with involvement in the community
- Most career opportunities are full time & overtime pay is common
- Shift work is usually necessary

There is **NO** special selection criteria for this program

### SALARY DATA

National Median Wage:

**\$35-85,000/year**

*(depending upon job type)*

*(BLS.gov 2017)*

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# PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the Cisco College application.
- Have all official transcripts sent to Cisco College Admissions Office.
- Fill out FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*).
- Set and appointment with the CTE Counselor to discuss planning and learn about the TSI (*Texas Success Initiative*) assessment.
- Participate in student advisement with the Criminal Justice Department prior to applying to the program.

DAY, EVENING, ONLINE, HYBRID

FALL, SPRING, AND  
SUMMER SEMESTERS

ABILENE LOCATION

**\* STUDENTS RECEIVING A DEGREE OR A CERTIFICATE MUST COMPLETE THE CAPSTONE REQUIREMENTS.**

**PART-TIME STUDENTS WILL NEED MORE TIME TO COMPLETE THIS PROGRAM**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE - LEVEL I CERTIFICATE

CRIJ 1301/CJSA 1322	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306/ CJSA 1313	Court Systems & Practices	3
CRIJ 1307/ CJSA 1312	Crime in America	3
CRIJ 1310/ CJSA 1327	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 1313/ CJSA 1317	Juvenile Justice	3
CRIJ 2314/ CJSA 1342	Criminal Investigation	3
CRIJ 2326/ CJSA 1359	Police Systems & Practices (CAPSTONE: no substitutions)	3

\*Field of Study Curriculum (CRIJ courses only).

**21 HRS**

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE - LEVEL II CERTIFICATE

All Level I courses plus the following:

CRIJ 2313/CJSA 1307	Correctional Systems	3
CRIJ 2323/CJSA 2300	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
CJLE 1345	Intermediate Crime Scene Investigation	3
CJSA 1348	Ethics in Law Enforcement (CAPSTONE: no substitutions)	3
CJSA 2324	Community Resources in Corrections	3
	Criminal Justice Approved Elective	3
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## ASSOCIATES OF APPLIED SCIENCE - CRIMINAL JUSTICE

All Level I & Level II courses plus the following:

ENGL 1301	English Composition & Rhetoric	3
SPCH 1315	Public Speaking	3
MATH 1314 or MATH 1332	College Algebra or Contemporary Math	3
PSYC 2301	General Psychology	3
GOVT 2305	Federal Government	3
	Humanities or Fine Arts Elective	3

**18 HRS**

Some CRIJ courses will transfer to various 4-year universities. PLEASE VERIFY COURSE TRANSFERABILITY WITH THE UNIVERSITY YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.



The Criminal Justice courses in this plan are recommended by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)