

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

The Criminal Justice Program studies the activities and operations of law enforcement agencies, the courts and correctional agencies. The public and social policy implications associated with operating the criminal justice system are also explored. Criminal Justice careers offer individuals a rewarding opportunity to serve the public, safeguard constitutional rights and actively meet the needs of the community. Upon completion of the program, students will be prepared to work in a variety of fields, including law enforcement, investigations, courts, corrections, private security, law and juvenile justice.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students who complete an [Associate Degree for Transfer \(ADT\)](#) and transfer to a similar major at a CSU are guaranteed a pathway to finish their baccalaureate degrees in 60 semester or 90 quarter units. These degrees require students to meet both of the following requirements: (1) Completion of 60 semester units or 90 quarter units that are eligible for transfer to the California State University, including both of the following: (A) The Intersegmental GE Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) or the California State University GE-Breadth Requirements (CSU GE-Breadth). (B) A minimum of 18 semester units or 27 quarter units in a major or area of emphasis, as determined by the community college district. (2) Obtainment of a minimum grade point average of 2.0.

An [Associate Degree](#), depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor's degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate's Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a "C" grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Science for Transfer (A.S.-T.)
- Associate in Arts (A.A.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Correctional Personnel
- Law Enforcement Officer
- Nonprofit Agencies
- Parole/Probation Officer
- Victim's Advocate
- Youth Correctional Facility

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR TRANSFER PROGRAM

Administration of Justice — Associate in Science for Transfer

The AS-T in Administration of Justice studies the activities and operations of law enforcement agencies, the courts and correctional agencies. The public and social policy implications associated with operating the criminal justice system are also explored. Administration of Justice careers offer individuals a rewarding opportunity to serve the public, safeguard constitutional rights and actively meet the needs of the community. Upon completion of the degree, students will be prepared to work in a variety of fields, including law enforcement, investigations, courts, corrections, private security, law and juvenile justice.

Required Courses (6 credits)

CJ 202	Introduction To Criminal Justice	3
CJ 206	Concepts Of Criminal Law	3

List A: Select any TWO of the following courses (6 credits)

CJ 204	Principles And Procedures Of The Justice System	3
CJ 208	Legal Aspects Of Evidence	3
CJ 210	Principles Of Investigation	3
CJ 224	Community, Diversity And The Justice System	3
CJ 228	Introduction To Corrections	3

List B: Select any TWO of the following courses (6-7 credits)

Any course not selected from List A

SOC 201A	Introduction To Sociology	3
PSYC 201	Introductory Psychology	3
MATH 236	Introduction To Applied Statistics	3
or		
MATH 247	Introduction To Statistics	4

Total Credits: 18 - 19

"P" (Pass) grade is acceptable for major coursework in the Associate Degrees for Transfer. In addition to major preparation course work listed above, completion of the CSU GE or IGETC pattern is mandatory. Courses completed for the major can also be double counted towards GE, where appropriate. See a counselor for details.

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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/student-services/finaid

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

Criminal Justice — Associate in Arts

The Criminal Justice Program provides students with the tools to be academically successful, develop critical thinking skills and expertise by offering a dynamic and diverse curriculum. The Program studies the components, objectives and legal underpinnings of the criminal justice system. The public and social policy implications associated with operating the criminal justice system are also explored. The Program prepares students for careers in the administration of justice field including, law enforcement, investigations, corrections, private security, law and juvenile justice.

Students must pass all classes with a grade of "C" or better.

A minimum of 12 credits in Criminal Justice must be earned at Cuesta College.

Required Courses (26 credits)

CJ 202	..... Introduction To Criminal Justice	.....	3
CJ 204	..... Principles And Procedures Of The Justice System	.....	3
CJ 206	..... Concepts Of Criminal Law	.....	3
CJ 208	..... Legal Aspects Of Evidence	.....	3
CJ 210	..... Principles Of Investigation	.....	3
CJ 213	..... Patrol Procedures	.....	3
CJ 224	..... Community, Diversity And The Justice System	.....	3
CJ 226 Investigative Report Writing	2
CJ 228 Introduction To Corrections	3
Total Credits:	26

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