

Palo Verde College

Program Outline Report

Program Basics

Program Title:	Criminal Justice Associate of Science
Program Status:	Active from 2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
Department:	Criminal Justice
Award Type:	A.S. Degree Major (Credit)
Program/Catalog Description	The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide students with the basic theoretical knowledge that will prepare them for a career in law enforcement or corrections. The program develops a high level of academic, personal, and professional competence demanded in a wide range of agencies. PEACE OFFICERS/CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TRAINING: Documents indicating that such training has taken place must be submitted by the student. Academy training may be awarded up to 12 units for the certificate and/or the degree in Criminal Justice as follows: 3 units for Physical Education 3 units for Health Education 3 units for CRJ 115 AND 3 units for elective credit in CRJ OR 3 units for CRJ 115 AND 9 units of elective credit in CRJ
Control Number:	04451
Credential ID:	No value
Transferability:	No value
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	2105.00
(SP01) Program TOP Code:	Administration of Justice
(SP02) Student Program Award:	Associate of Science (A.S.) degree
Maximum Credits:	68
Minimum Credits:	64
Curriculum Committee Approval Date:	04/10/2025
Board of Trustees Approval Date:	05/13/2025
External Review Approval Date:	05/13/2025

Proposal Details

Proposal Start:	2025-2026 Fall (2025FA)
What changes have been made to the program:	Updating program to pull in AB1111 CCN numbers, and updating the GE area/units for program.
Program Justification:	No value

Submission Rationale

No value

Program Requirements

Criminal Justice Associate of Science (Total 64-68)

Complete all of the following

Required Core Courses (21 units) (Total 21)

Complete the following number of credits: 21

CRJ103 - Criminal Law	3
CRJ115 - Introduction to Law Enforcement/Corrections	3
CRJ120 - Community Relations	3
CRJ125 - Report Writing	3
CRJ130 - Alcohol, Narcotics and Drug Abuse	3
CRJ206 - Legal Aspects of Evidence	3
PSYCC1000 - Introduction to Psychology	3

Electives- Select Nine (9) units from the List below: (Total 9)

Complete the following number of credits: 9

CRJ104 - Criminal Investigation	3
CRJ155 - Crime Scene Investigation	3
CRJ220 - Interviewing and Counseling	3
PSY210 - Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY220 - Counseling and Interviewing	3
SPA101 - Elementary Spanish I	5

In addition to the Core Courses required for the A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice, students will also be required to meet the CalGETC: Transfer General Education Requirements 34-38

Recommended Sequences

No value

Program Outcomes

Criminal Justice Associate of Science

PSLO	Performance
1. Acquired fundamental grounding in communications, science, mathematics, humanities, the social sciences and self-development in preparation for an occupation, and possible transfer to a four-year institution.	70
2. Acquired theoretical knowledge and practical skills in law enforcement and corrections. Or: Student will demonstrate skill in advising suspects of their Miranda rights.	70

Program Narrative

Narrative Item 1. Program Goals and Objectives

The purpose of the Criminal Justice program at Palo Verde College is to provide students with the necessary skills to work in the ever-expanding field of law enforcement. To this end, the Criminal Justice program provides students with basic, entry-level skills, professional development opportunities, and certification and degree options. Possible careers in law enforcement include, but are not limited to: Police and Sheriffs Patrol Officers, Correctional Officers and Jailers, Detectives and Criminal Investigators and First-Line Supervisors/Managers of Police and Detectives.

Narrative Item 2. Catalog Description

The Criminal Justice program is designed to provide students with the basic theoretical knowledge that will prepare them for a career in law enforcement or corrections. The program develops a high level of academic, personal, and professional competence demanded in a wide range of agencies. PEACE OFFICERS/CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS TRAINING: Documents indicating that such training has taken place must be submitted by the student. Academy training may be awarded up to 12 units for the certificate and/or the degree in Criminal Justice as follows: 3 units for Physical Education 3 units for Health Education 3 units for CRJ 115 AND 3 units for elective credit in CRJ OR 3 units for CRJ 115 AND 9 units of elective credit in CRJ

PROGRAM STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES Upon successful completion of the A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice program students will have:

1. Acquired fundamental grounding in communications, science, mathematics, humanities, the social sciences and self-development in preparation for an occupation, and possible transfer to a four-year institution.
 2. Acquired theoretical knowledge and practical skills in law enforcement and corrections. Or: Student will demonstrate skill in advising suspects of their Miranda rights.
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Narrative Item 3. Program Requirements

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Course Code	Dept Name/#	Course Title	Units
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Required Core (21 Units)

CRJ 103		Criminal Law	3
CRJ 115		Intro to Law Enforcement/Corrections	3
CRJ 125		Report Writing	3
CRJ 130		Alcohol, Narcotics & Drug Abuse	3
CRJ 120		Community Relations	3
CRJ 206		Legal Aspects of Evidence	3
PSYC C1000		Introduction to Psychology	3

Electives

Select Nine (9) units from the List below:

CRJ 104		Criminal Investigation	3
CRJ 132		Family Intervention	3
CRJ 135		Spanish for Emergency Services Personnel (OR)	
SPA 101		Elementary Spanish I	5
CRJ 155		Crime Scene Investigation	3
CRJ 220		Interviewing and Counseling (OR)	
PSY 220		Counseling and Interviewing	3
PSY 210		Abnormal Psychology	3

Required Major Total: 30 units

Completion of General Ed Requirements: 34-38 units

Additional GE's as needed to reach 60 units

TOTAL UNITS: 64-68

In addition to the Core Courses required for the A.S. Degree in Criminal Justice, students will also be required to meet the CalGETC General Educational Requirements.

Proposed Course Sequence: AS Degree in Criminal Justice

Term	Course	Units	Major	GE
1	GE Course	3-4	x	
1	GE Course	3	x	
1	CRJ 115 Intro to Law Enforcement/Corrections	3	x	
1	CRJ 125 Report Writing	3	x	
1	CRJ 130 Alcohol, Narcotics and Drug Abuse	3	x	
TERM 1 TOTAL UNITS		15-16		
2	GE Course	3	x	
2	GE Course	3	x	
2	GE Course	3	x	
2	GE Course	3	x	
2	CRJ 103 Criminal Law	3	x	
TERM 2 TOTAL UNITS		15		
3	GE Course	3-4	x	
3	GE Course	3	x	
3	CRJ 120 Community Relations	3	x	
3	CRJ 206 Legal Aspects of Evidence	3	x	
3	PSYC C1000 Introduction to Psychology	3	x	
TERM 3 TOTAL UNITS		15-16		
4	Electives	15	x	x

Narrative Item 4. Master Planning (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value

Narrative Item 5. Enrollment and Completer Projections (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value

Narrative Item 6. Place of Program in Curriculum/Similar Programs (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value

Narrative Item 7. Similar Programs at Other Colleges in Service Area (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value

LMI and Analysis

No Value

Advisory Committee Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value

Regional Consortia Recommendations (Not needed for Certificates of Career Preparation)

No Value