

A criminal justice degree can prepare you for a variety of careers where having confident communication skills and a strong ethical foundation are a must. More specifically, a criminal justice degree will teach and equip you with the fundamentals and best practices needed to work in the field of criminal justice while helping you develop a better understanding of its role in our society.

No matter how the workplace may change in the future, there will always be a need for Criminal Justice Professionals. Western's **Criminal Justice AA** prepares students to transfer to a university in the best position for an on-time graduation. Students will study a variety of exciting topics that include how the American Criminal Justice System functions and why crime occurs. They will have the opportunity to study policing, juvenile justice, criminal law, criminal investigation, and victimology, among others. Students may design their AA to coincide with a particular interest in the field whether that is corrections, law, victim assistance, or law enforcement.

Students who do not wish to transfer to a University will have the ability to work in the field of policing or corrections after completion of this well-rounded AA degree. This program is available 100% online.

**Degree Requirements**

**Freshman Year - Fall Semester**

▪ ENGL 1010 - English Composition I	Credits: 3	
▪ Quantitative Literacy	Credits: 3	
▪ Western Experience	Credits: 2	
▪ CRMJ 1001 - Introduction to Criminal Justice	Credits: 3	
▪ Oral Communication	Credits: 3	<i>Subtotal: 14</i>

*Freshman Year - Fall Semester Notes: In addition to ENGL 1010, students may be required to also take ENGL 1011 (2 credits) due to placement, adding 2 additional credits to their graduation total.*

**Freshman Year - Spring Semester**

▪ ENGL 1020 - English Composition II	Credits: 3	
▪ Human Societies and the Individual	Credits: 3	
▪ CRMJ 2400 - Criminology	Credits: 3	
▪ Creative Expression	Credits: 3	
▪ Natural Sciences	Credits: 4	<i>Subtotal: 16</i>

*Freshman Year - Spring Semester Notes: Natural Sciences: students may take a course from group 1 or a course from both Natural Sciences group 2 and group 3. BIOL 1002 may be substituted with a course from both Natural Science group 2 AND group 3. ENGL 2005 may be taken in place of ENGL 1020.*

**Sophomore Year - Fall Semester**

▪ SPAN 1010 - First Year Spanish I	Credits: 4	
▪ STAT 2050 - Fundamentals of Statistics	Credits: 4	
▪ CRMJ 2420 - Juvenile Justice	Credits: 3	
▪ CRMJ 2685 - Research Methods in Criminal Justice	Credits: 3	
▪ Criminal Justice Elective	Credits: 3	<i>Subtotal: 17</i>

*Sophomore Year - Fall Semester Notes: Students may take any language to fulfill this requirement as long as the 1-year sequence is completed. CLEP or other approved test may also be accepted. Criminal Justice electives are any CRMJ courses not already stated in the program. STAT 2070 may be substituted for STAT 2050.*

**Sophomore Year - Spring Semester**

▪ SPAN 1020 - First Year Spanish II	Credits: 4	
▪ CRMJ 2210 - Criminal Law	Credits: 3	
▪ Criminal Justice Elective	Credits: 3	
▪ General Elective	Credits: 3	<i>Subtotal: 13</i>

*Sophomore Year - Spring Semester Notes: MATH 2355 is suggested for students transferring to University of Wyoming - plug into one of the recommended elective slots. Otherwise, all recommended electives may be any course from any department 1000 level or higher. Major Area (Business) electives can be any course from the following departments: ACCT, BADM, BUSN, ECON, FIN, MGT, or MKT. If student plans to transfer to University of Wyoming FIN 2100 is suggested. See Sophomore Year - Fall Semester Notes for language course fulfillment criteria. See Criminal Justice electives note above. General Electives may be fulfilled by completion of coursework 1000 or higher.*

**Total Credit Hours: 60**