

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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General Description

The Criminal Justice Studies program at Southwestern College offers degrees and certificates designed to prepare students for employment and/or further study. The programs and courses within the criminal justice program provide a strong foundation in, and comprehensive understanding of, the criminal justice system (historical and contemporary), its relevant laws and procedures, as well as the myriad of careers within it. While the program provides a broad foundation, it emphasizes the intersection between research, policy, and practice thereby exposing students to the multitude of factors that influence how the criminal justice system pursues “justice”, or fails to do so.

Career Options

Below is a sample of the career options available for the administration of justice or criminal justice majors. Many require an associate degree, some require a bachelor’s degree, and a few of these require a graduate-level degree: adjudicator/judge, arson investigator, bar examiner, border patrol officer/INS agent, correctional officer, crime laboratory/evidence technologist, customs agent, district attorney, lawyer/prosecutor/public defender, forensic scientist, FBI/Treasury/Secret Service agent, U.S. Marshal, fraud/forgery investigator, parole/probation officer, police officer, sheriff, postal inspector, and traffic officer.

Degree/Certificate Options	Major Code
Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)	
Administration of Justice (SB1440) (http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/aa/)	01251
Associate in Arts Degree: Transfer Preparation	
Criminal Justice (http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/criminal-justice-aa/)	01250
Associate in Science: Career/Technical	
Administration of Justice—Corrections Emphasis (http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/as/)	02521

Administration of Justice—Law Enforcement Emphasis (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/as-law-enforcement-emphasis/>) 02523

Cyber-Forensic (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/cyber-forensic-as/>) 02707

Forensic Studies (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/crime-scene-investigator-as/>) C2705

Certificates of Achievement

Forensic Studies (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/certificate-achievement-investigator-emphasis/>) C2706

Pathway to Law School (<http://catalog.swccd.edu/associate-degree-certificate-programs/administration-justice/certificate-achievement-pathway-to-law-school/>) 02261

Consult with a counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP), which lists the courses necessary to achieve your academic goal.

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