

Criminal Justice, AS

Department: Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology Department

College: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Overview

About This Degree

Criminal Justice offers students a wide variety of career paths in such areas as law enforcement, courts, criminalistics (crime labs and investigations), law, juvenile law and corrections.

The degree requires students have a substantial understanding of the criminal justice system in general. It reflects the realities and concerns of society and draws from a wide variety of academic disciplines such as political science, psychology, history and sociology.

The Criminal Justice program is not within its own department but is a part of the Sociology, Social Work and Anthropology department.

Career Options

This degree will qualify you for employment in the following areas:

- Police Officer
- Correctional Officer
- Law Clerk
- Paralegal
- Juvenile Detention
- Park Ranger
- Evidence Technician

What it takes

Major Requirements

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Associate of Science**.

USU Eastern is an open admission campus and only requires that a new student have a high school diploma or GED.

The AS degree requires completion of the four core courses and three CJ electives for a total of 21 credit hours. These are in conjunction with the normal general education requirements of USU for a total of 60 credit hours.

Students are also held to the minimal GPA require for graduation set by USU.

Contact

Advising

All new USU Eastern students participate in a New Student Orientation program, where they receive detailed information about major requirements, registering for classes, and other important advising information.

Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) - The Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) is an international association established in 1963 to foster professional and scholarly activities in the field of criminal justice. ACJS promotes criminal justice education, research, and policy analysis within the discipline of criminal justice for both educators and practitioners.

Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) - The Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) is the Region 5 affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. Applications for membership in WACJ are welcome from educators, practitioners, and students. The membership area encompasses the states in region 5 of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences--Alaska, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and the Canadian Provinces of British Columbia and Alberta.

American Academy of Forensic Sciences - The American Academy of Forensic Sciences is a multi-disciplinary professional organization that provides leadership to advance science and its application to the legal system. The objectives of the Academy are to promote professionalism, integrity, competency, education, foster research, improve practice, and encourage collaboration in the forensic sciences.

International Association for Identification -The International Association for Identification is a professional membership organization comprised of individuals worldwide who work in the field of forensic identification. With over 6,500 members from 77 countries, the IAI remains the oldest and largest forensic science/identification association in the world.

American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors - The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors/Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) is a not for profit corporation, incorporated in the state of Missouri. ASCLD/LAB is proud to be recognized as an ISO/IEC 17011 compliant accrediting body in the field of forensic science by the Inter American Accreditation Cooperation (IAAC) since September 2008 and by the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) since April 2009. ASCLD/LAB is a signatory to both the IAAC Multi-lateral Recognition Arrangement and the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement.

The Association of Firearm and Tool Mark Examiners - AFTE is an international organization dedicated to the advancement of Firearm & Toolmark Identification.

California Criminalistics Institute - The California Criminalistics Institute (CCI), a unit of the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Forensic Services, provides specialized forensic science training to personnel who are practitioners in the field.