

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS (Suggested Associate in Arts Degree Curriculum)

This worksheet is designed to help students select courses which are likely to apply to a major in **CRIMINAL JUSTICE**. These suggested courses satisfy requirements in the Associate in Arts degree program at Prairie State College and provide the basis for transferring to a four-year institution. This program meets the guidelines of the **IAI (Illinois Articulation Initiative) Baccalaureate Major Panel for Criminal Justice**. Students should obtain a copy of the Prairie State College **Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet** and should visit the IAI website at www.iTransfer.org for more information.

SUGGESTED CURRICULUM

Each senior institution has its own transfer policies. Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of this information in regard to every individual school. Consult the school of your choice and/or the Prairie State College Advising Center to discuss the transferability of courses.

TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (37-38 credits)

Area A: Communications (9 credits)

ENG 101 (3)	[C1 900]*	Composition I (Prereq. ENG 099, C or better, or qualifying score on English Placement Test)
ENG 102 (3)	[C1 901R]*	Composition II (Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better)
COMM 101 (3)	[C2 900]	Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

*Must have a C or better in ENG 101 & 102 to receive credit for the degree.

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (9 credits)

Select three courses with at least one course selected from the humanities area and one course from the fine arts area. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area B, for a listing of approved course choices.

Humanities Course (3)	Select any Area B Humanities Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Fine Arts Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Humanities/Fine Arts Course (3)	Select any Area B Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area C: Mathematics (3 credits)

MATH 112 (3)	[M1 904]	General Education Mathematics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and one year high school geometry, both with C or better OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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MATH 115 (3)	[M1 902]	General Education Statistics (Prereq. MATH 095 & 096 with C or better OR MATH 095 and one year high school geometry, both with C or better, OR qualifying score on Math Placement Test)
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Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (7-8 credits)

Select one life science course and one physical science course. One course must have a lab component. Refer to the Associate in Arts Degree Worksheet, Area D, for a listing of approved course choices.

Life Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Life Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Physical Science Course (3-4)	Select any Area D Physical Science Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 credits)

Select three courses in at least two different disciplines. Refer to the Associate of Arts Degree Worksheet, Area E, for a listing of approved course choices.

PSYCH 101 (3)	[S6 900]	Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
SOCIO 101 (3)	[S7 900]	Introduction to Sociology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
Social/Behavioral Sci Course (3)	Select any Area E Course (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS (24-25 credits)

(Check with the school to which you plan to transfer to verify transferability of these courses for this major)

Select 24-25 credits from the “suggested” course recommendations listed below:

Suggested IAI Criminal Justice Core courses include:

CJ 101 (3)	[CRJ 901]	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
CJ 102 (3)	[CRJ 912]	Introduction to Criminology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
CJ 106 (3)	[CRJ 911]	Introductions to Corrections (Prereq. placement in ENG 099 or above)
CJ 204 (3)	[CRJ 914]	Juvenile Justice (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Other suggested courses which satisfy the PSC AA degree requirements may include electives such as:

CJ 201 (3) Introduction to Criminal Law (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

ITAPP 101 (3) Introduction to Computers (Prereq. Keyboarding recommended)

Any additional general education courses selected from Areas B, C, D, or E

Any foreign language courses*

Up to four credits of physical education courses

Additional courses recommended as transferable by the school to which you plan to transfer.

**Foreign Language Requirement: Some universities have a foreign language requirement. Generally, four years of a single foreign language in high school, or four semesters in college will fulfill this requirement. It is recommended that students complete the entire sequence at one institution.*

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Counseling & Advising Center Room 1190 (708) 709-3506

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FOR TRANSFER INFORMATION:

u.select, formerly known as Course Applicability System (CAS): www.transfer.org

Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI): www.iTransfer.org

Links to Articulation Tables for Illinois Colleges: <http://www.itransfer.org/IAI/Other/Articulationlinks.taf>

Visit the web sites of colleges and universities to which you plan to transfer.

FOR CAREER INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board: www.ptb.state.il.us

Federal Bureau of Investigation: www.fbi.gov

American Academy of Forensic Sciences: www.aafs.org

PROFICIENCY CREDIT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES

Individuals who meet the following guidelines may qualify for proficiency credit in one or more criminal justice courses at Prairie State College.

- Complete an **Application for Proficiency Test Form** (available in the Advising Center) for each course for which proficiency credit is requested.
- Attach xerox copies of the appropriate documentation.
- Pay the \$25 proficiency fee, for each course for which proficiency credit is requested, in the Business Office, Room 1110.
- Return the completed application to Room 1191. For further information call (708) 709-3522.

CJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Must have completed probationary status at current law enforcement agency.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency's chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

CJ 106 - Introduction to Corrections

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Corrections Officer (240 hour Basic Corrections Officer Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year experience as a full-time Corrections Officer.
3. Must have completed probationary status at current agency.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency's chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

CJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Law

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Must have completed probationary status at current law enforcement agency.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency's chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

CJ 204 - Juvenile Justice

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Juvenile Officer.
3. Documentation of Certification in Training as a Certified State of Illinois Juvenile Officer.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency's chief executive officer on agency letterhead.