This Associate of Arts degree program is designed for students who plan to earn the bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice at Troy State University at Dothan.

For additional program information, visit the TSUD website.

Possible employment areas in this career field include law enforcement officer, youth counselor (juvenile aftercare), probation officer, college teacher (with additional training and education), parole officer, research director, correctional counselor, criminologist (criminal/juvenile justice agencies), probation counselor (juvenile court), administrator (criminal/juvenile justice agencies), consumer safety officer, correctional officer, private investigator, expert witness, private/corporate security officer/director.

For more information please visit The Occupational Outlook Handbook: Correctional Officers, Probation Officers, Police/Detectors, Social Workers, College/University Faculty.

The courses listed on this guide are not to be construed as a contract between the student and Chipola or the University. Course requirements may change each year. You are encouraged to work closely with your advisor.

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Associate of Arts Degree
Criminal Justice
Transfer Institution:
Troy State University at Dothan

Entrance Requirements
TSUD requires a Senior Exit Exam (SEE). The exam includes tests in the liberal studies and in the major. If the CLAST is taken and passed at CJC, students will be exempted from the general studies portion of the SEE. If the CLAST is exempted at CJC, students will be required to take the general studies portion of the SEE at TSUD before the bachelor’s degree is awarded. To graduate with honors, all attempts on all courses are included in the GPA calculation.

For admissions purposes, TSUD calculates GPA on all attempts (grades of W are not included for this major). For graduation purposes, TSUD calculates GPA based on the last attempt.

Background checks are performed on individuals seeking employment in law enforcement and corrections in the State of Alabama. Background checks include but are not limited to: U.S. citizenship; 20 years of age (21 for law enforcement); fingerprints for background review; no guilty plea for domestic violence; no conviction for a felony; any conviction for a misdemeanor is considered as a factor in the evaluative process; pass a physical ability test; pass a mandatory drug screen; not have received a dishonorable discharge from the military; have a valid driver’s license; be a high school graduate or equivalent; and be of good moral character.

FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester
ENC 1101 Communication Skills I 4 ENC 1102 Communication Skills II 4
PSC 1121 3 PSC 1121L Intro to Physical Science with Lab 4
AMH 2010 3 AMH 2010 or WOH 2012 American History or World History 3
MAC 1105 3 MAC 1105 or WOH American History or World History 3
SLS 1101 Orientation 1 SPC 2600 Effective Public Speaking 3
TOTAL 15 TOTAL 14

SOPHOMORE YEAR

1st Semester
AML or ENL American Lit or English Lit 3 MUL 2010 or ARH 1003 Music Appreciation or Purpose of Art 3
ENC 1133 Research Writing 1 REL 2300 World Religions
HUM 2212 or 2230 Humanities 3 POS 2041, ECO 2013/2023, 3
CCJ 1300 Intro to Corrections 3 PSY 2012, or GEA 2001/2002 3
CCJ 1020 Intro to Criminal Justice 3 SYG 1000 Intro to Sociology 3
CGS 1100 Microcomp App for Bus and Eco 3 SPC 2600 Effective Public Speaking 3
TOTAL 16 TOTAL 15

1 TSUD now requires two natural science courses with labs. These Chipola courses are the ones that best meet the requirements according to TSUD officials.
2 Complete one series; DO NOT mix and match.
3 MGF 1106 meets the CJC Gordon Rule math requirement; students must take MTH 1102 (Finite Math) at TSUD.