This Associate in Arts degree program is designed for students who want to earn a bachelor’s degree in a program which offers an interdisciplinary, issue-oriented program focusing upon the issues of crime, law enforcement, corrections, and the criminal justice system.

Specializations in probation and parole and forensic studies are available. For additional program information, visit the UWF 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/Detectives, Social Workers, College/University Faculty.

The courses listed on this plan 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.

ACADEMIC PLAN:  Associate in Arts Degree

Criminal Justice
Transfer Institution: University of West Florida

Code 1040 Program Length 60 credits

Entrance Requirements

Background checks are performed on individuals seeking employment in law enforcement and corrections in the State of Florida. Background checks include but are not limited to: U.S. citizenship; 19 years of age; fingerprints for background checks by FDLE and FBI; no conviction or guilty plea for domestic violence; no conviction, guilty plea, or nolo contendere for any felony or misdemeanor involving perjury or false statement whether or not adjudication was withheld; pass a physical exam by a licensed physician; pass a skills ability examination; pass an eight panel 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.

If a student has completed two years of high school credit in the same foreign language, he/she meets the admission requirement for state universities in Florida. If not, the student should complete two semesters of the same foreign language at Chipola before transfer to the university.

FRESHMAN YEAR

ENC 1101 Communication Skills I 4 ENC 1102 Communication Skills II 4
CCJ 1020 or ELECTIVE Intro to Criminal Justice 3 CJC 1000 or ELECTIVE Intro to Corrections 3
XXX XXXX NATURAL SCIENCE 3 XXX XXXX NATURAL SCIENCE 3
XXX XXXX MATHEMATICS 3 XXX XXXX2 MATHEMATICS 3
SLS 1101 Orientation 1 XXX XXXX 1 ELECTIVE 3
TOTAL 14 TOTAL 16

SOPHOMORE YEAR

XXX XXXX3 GORDON RULE WRITING 4 XXX XXXX1 ELECTIVE 3
XXX XXXX GEN. ED. REQUIRED COURSE 3 XXX XXXX SOCIAL SCIENCE 3
XXX XXXX SOCIAL SCIENCE 3 XXX XXXX HUMANITIES 3
XXX XXXX ELECTIVE 3 XXX XXXX1 ELECTIVE 3
XXX XXXX ELECTIVE 3 XXX XXXX1 ELECTIVE 2
TOTAL 16 TOTAL 14

1 Electives may include PSY 2012; any SYG course; DEP 2004, SPC 2608, CGS 1060 and other computer courses, foreign language, and/or other Criminal Justice courses. Probation & Parole majors should take SPC 2608.
2 STA 2023 is strongly suggested.
3 Choose 4 hours from the following: AML 2010, AML 2020, ENL 2012, ENL 2022, ENC 1133, HUM 2216, HUM 2233, or SPT 2521.