

This Associate in Arts degree program is designed to prepare students for employment in a wide variety of criminal justice agencies, under local, state, and federal jurisdictions, as well as the private sector.

For additional program information, visit the [FSU website](#), [program description](#), and [academic map](#).

Possible employment areas in this career field include law enforcement officer, youth counselor (juvenile after-care), 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](#).

While academic advisors, faculty and staff provide significant academic planning and related assistance to students, completion of all degree requirements, and the process of monitoring progress to that end, is ultimately the responsibility of the student.

ACADEMIC PLAN: Associate in Arts Degree

Criminology/Criminal Justice

Transfer Institution: Florida State University

Code 1040 Program Length 60 credits

Entrance Requirements

All first time in college (Fall 2014 and beyond) students are required to successfully complete two years of the same foreign language in high school or two semesters of the same foreign language at the college level before the associate degree is awarded. Home School students must demonstrate competency through competency testing. **Students who elect the B.A. must complete a modern or foreign language through the intermediate (2200) level and nine additional hours in fields of history and humanities.**

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.

Specifically, majors in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice who accumulate more than two (2) unsatisfactory grades (U,F, D-, D,D+) in criminology and criminal justice taken for college credit at Florida State University or elsewhere, whether repeated or not, will not be permitted to continue or graduate as a major in the school.



2020-2021

For more information
Contact:
Student Affairs
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FRESHMAN YEAR

1st Semester		Sem. Hrs.	2nd Semester		Sem. Hrs.
ENC 1101 ¹	English Composition I	3	ENC 1102 ¹	English Composition II	3
CCJ 1020 ^{2, 4} or ELECTIVE ³	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CJC 1000 or ELECTIVE ³	Intro to Corrections	3
XXX XXXX ^{1,6}	NATURAL SCIENCE CORE w/LAB	4	XXX XXXX ¹	NATURAL SCIENCE	3
XXX XXXX	Mathematics Core	3	STA 2023	Introduction to Statistics	3
SLS 1401	Career and Life Planning	1	CGS 1060	Intro to Microcomputer Use	3
SLS 1101	Orientation	1			
TOTAL		15	TOTAL		15

SOPHOMORE YEAR

1st Semester		Sem. Hrs.	2nd Semester		Sem. Hrs.
XXX XXXX ¹	GORDON RULE WRITING	3	XXX XXXX ¹	GORDON RULE WRITING	3
POS 2041 ⁷	American Federal Government		PSY 2012 ^{2,4}	General Psychology	3
or XXX XXXX ^{1,3}	or GENERAL ED. ELECTIVE	3	XXX XXXX ¹	HUMANITIES CORE	3
SYG 1000 ^{2,4}	Intro to Sociology	3	POS 2112	State and Local Government	
SPC 2608	Effective Public Speaking	3	or XXX XXXX ^{1,3}	or ELECTIVE	3
SPN 1120 ⁵	Elementary Spanish I		SPN 1121 ⁵	Elementary Spanish II	
or XXX XXXX ³	or ELECTIVE	3-4	or XXX XXXX ³	or ELECTIVE	3-4
TOTAL		15-16	TOTAL		15-16

¹ See the current General Education Requirements in the Current Chipola College Catalog.

² A maximum of 6 semester hours of course work in criminology/criminal justice courses, taken at Chipola, may be accepted and applied toward the BA/BS degree; the Dean of the School of Criminology/Criminal Justice makes the decision.

³ FSU requires 6 hrs. of international/diversity courses. If you complete an AA degree before transferring, FSU only requires 3 hrs. of international/diversity coursework. Chipola courses that meet this requirement include AMH 2091/2093, ASH 1044, GEA 2001/2002, REL 2300, SYG 1010, and THE 1000.

⁴ Suggested Courses

⁵ If student has taken 2 credits of Foreign Language in high school then choose elective. **Students who elect the B.A. must complete a modern or foreign language through the intermediate (2200) level and nine additional hours in fields of history and humanities.**

⁶ FSU requires one Natural Science course with a Lab to be completed with a "C" or higher before graduation. This is not an admission requirement.

⁷ All first-time-in-college students (Fall 2018 and beyond) are required to demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options:

1) successfully passing either POS 2041 American Federal Government or AMH 2020 American History Since 1865, or 2) achieving the standard score on AP Government and Politics: United States, AP United States History or CLEP: American Government.