Criminal Justice (CJ)

Program Description

The Criminal Justice (CJ) program is designed to provide entry-level skills and education for students who desire to pursue a career in one of the many areas of the Criminal Justice field. Graduates from the program have the option of continuing their education or applying for the various criminal justice career opportunities that exist. Typical entry-level positions for which a program graduate might qualify include police officer, deputy sheriff, state trooper, corrections officer, juvenile probation officer, communications officer/dispatcher, fingerprint technician, private investigator, claims investigator, commissioned park ranger, loss prevention officer, or private security officer. The program’s courses focus on the criminal justice system, law enforcement, legal studies, investigative techniques, patrol procedures, security and corrections. Most classes are open to majors and non-majors as long as the curricular prerequisites have been met. Graduates from the program have the option of continuing their education by applying their ATA degree as a transfer degree to Central Washington University’s Bachelor of Arts degree in Information Technology and Administrative Management, and to the Evergreen State College’s Bachelor of Arts Law and Public Policy degree.

Also, in collaboration with the Pierce College Center of Excellence-Homeland Security department, the SVC Criminal Justice department is offering a Homeland Security Emergency Management Associate in Technology degree. This degree gives graduates the skills to oversee emergency planning and training programs, coordinate disaster response and recovery efforts, and navigate the administrative and technical demands of disaster and emergency management efforts. The curriculum of this degree is applicable to all emergency service fields, businesses and industries, and prepares students to work in any all-hazards emergency environment.

Today, most law enforcement and criminal justice agencies require a minimum educational requirement of an Associate Degree as a prerequisite for employment. Although this program does not guarantee acceptance into a specific law enforcement position or criminal justice agency, it does prepare a student to take a police agency entrance examination or engage in a similar entry-level process.

Entry into the Program

Please apply to the Admissions Office. Students may enter the program at the beginning of any quarter, and advanced standing may be requested. For more information, contact the Department Chair or the Admissions Office.

Associate in Technical Arts Degree
ATA—Criminal Justice

An Associate in Technical Arts degree (ATA) in Criminal Justice is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 90 credits of specified technical and related education coursework above-100 level with a 2.0 grade point average in both Criminal Justice Studies and overall technical degree coursework. Areas of emphasis are suggested allowing the student flexibility in choosing a career tract meeting their academic interests, career goals, and/or individual needs.

Associate in Technical Arts Degree
ATA—Parks Service and Protection

An Associate in Technical Arts degree (ATA) in Park Services and Protection is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 90 credits of specified technical and related education coursework above-100 level with a 2.0 grade point average in both Criminal Justice Studies and overall technical degree coursework. This degree prepares students for careers in visitor services, facilities maintenance and repair, and resources protection. This area provides an academic and skills background that facilitates entry into the parks and recreation/tourism industry, and encourages growth and advancement in the disciplines of parks, recreation and wildlife enforcement.

Associate in Technology—Homeland Security Emergency Management

An Associate in Technology degree in Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is offered in collaboration with the Pierce College Center of Excellence-Homeland Security Emergency Management. This degree is awarded upon completion of a minimum of 90 credits of specified technical and related education coursework above-100 level with a 2.0 grade point average in both HSEM and overall technical degree coursework. This degree prepares students for a broad array of career options in areas of emergency planning, disaster training, response and recovery efforts, incident management, and working in any all-hazards emergency environment. Careful consideration is given to help students understand socioeconomic and cultural diversity issues, preparing them to succeed in all situations and settings.

Associate in Arts Direct Transfer Agreement, AA-DTA

Students pursuing a bachelor’s degree from an accredited university may choose the Criminal Justice program as their major area of emphasis. The Department Chair or counseling office can offer students assistance in choosing those courses most appropriate for pursuit of their desired degree. Acceptance of credits depends on the college a student plans to attend.

Parks Law Enforcement Academy Certificate

The Parks Law Enforcement Academy (CJ 241, 242, 243, 244, and 245) meets the entry requirements for work as a Law Enforcement Park Ranger within the National, State, County, and local park systems. This 720-hour long academy is nationally accredited and approved by the National Park Service and the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) to provide Level II law enforcement commissioning. For further information contact the Department Chair for the Criminal Justice program.

In-Service Training Credit

Students actively working with a criminal justice agency may receive credit for selected courses as a result of accredited in-service training successfully completed as recognized by the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission or other documented criminal justice agency training, coupled with work experience. Evaluation of such training shall be assessed by the Criminal Justice Department Chair.

Credits for successful completion of an approved Law Enforcement or Corrections Academy, including a Police Reserve Academy, may be awarded, but do not apply toward completion requirements for the AA-DTA or ATA in Criminal Justice. Students who apply to Police Reserve Academy for Skagit Valley College credit must provide appropriate documentation of having previously completed the prescribed training program as specified by the Washington State Legislature, or to have current sponsorship by a law enforcement agency and have passed a background investigation and industry-suit ed psychological examination as required by state law. To be awarded credit, a student must enroll in CJ 236 and 237.
**SUGGESTED SCHEDULE**

**ATA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE EMPHASIS**

Courses in this schedule are recommended for this degree. Includes required ATA courses. Student schedule may vary based on entry point, credit load, and prerequisites. Schedule may be adjusted to accommodate course offerings each quarter. Consult with department chair or SVC counselor for scheduling options and appropriate substitutions. Many course substitutions are available.

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| or ENGL 170 | SOCS 101     |或其他 substitutions. This degree is offered in collaboration with Pierce College.

### Required Courses That Must Be Taken at Pierce College


### Criminal Justice 2


### Criminal Justice 3

- CJ 241, 242, 243, 244, and 245, and FIRE 242. (30 credits)

### Program Certificates


### Micro-Certificates

These certificates focus on a specific skill within this program. A certificate is awarded to students who complete the following with a 2.0 grade point average or above:

### Basic Law Enforcement Reserve Academy (14 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 236 and 237.

### Community Policing (8 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 106, 114, and 115.

### Corrections (17 Credits)

Required courses: CJ& 105, CJ 106, 107, 111, 130, and 170.

### Investigative Techniques (19 Credits)


### Legal Principles in Policing (17 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 106, CJ& 110, CJ 111, 204, 206, and 208.

### Private and Commercial Security (16 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 106, CJ& 110, CJ 111, 170, 204, 220.

### Public Safety Communications (7 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 106 and 145.

### Public Safety Information Officer (17 Credits)

Required courses: CJ 106, 170, 215, CMST 125 or 220, and JOUR101.

### Course Descriptions

**CJ& 101 Intro Criminal Justice (3)**

Examines the history, philosophy, and organization of criminal justice and its European roots in our American society; explores the jurisdictions of local, state and federal agencies and their applications within the United States; presents an overview of the juvenile justice, corrections, and American court systems; discusses the multicultural and ethnic tendencies associated with criminal justice issues affecting the various criminal justice professions.

**CJ& 105 Intro to Corrections (3)**

Overview of evolution of corrections and the criminal justice system with discussion of penology. Explores punishment and sentencing in the U.S. and the alternatives with a study of various correctional systems and types of individuals passing through them. Examines officer rights and legalities and problems involved in managing a correctional facility, and covers aspects of probation and parole as they apply to the criminal justice system. Discusses societal issues and the challenges of diversity within the correctional system.

**CJ 106 Professional Development in Criminal Justice (2)**

Explores a variety of career options and opportunities in the criminal justice system. Reviews entrance requirements and hiring standards used by criminal justice agencies, including police, courts, and corrections. Demonstrates preparation for the application, testing and selection process. Includes instruction...
CJ 107 Defensive Tactics (3)  
Basic defenses and counter measures against offensive attacks. Methods used with the aggressive or violent and those affected by drugs and alcohol. Discusses use of force models, mechanics of arrest, and reporting requirements.

CJ & 110 Criminal Law (3)  
Introduction to the history of criminal law which provides a philosophical understanding of the process of crime and punishment, understanding the various mental states required for criminal responsibility, statutory and common law defenses, terminology, legislation and adjudication, and common law defenses to criminal charges such as entrapment, self-defense and necessity. Includes elements of crimes as set forth in the Washington criminal codes (RCW, WAC and selected Federal Codes). Prerequisite: CJ 101 or department chair approval.

CJ 111 Criminal Justice Procedures (3)  
Introduction to the due process and adversary system of justice in State and Federal Systems. Covers the differences between the civil and criminal process, the courtroom work group, punishment, parole and probation, sentencing appeals and options, and juvenile procedures.

CJ 113 Criminal Justice Employment Strategies (2)  
Employment requirements of criminal justice organizations in hiring entry-level employees are covered using comprehensive reading, research, discussion and role-play.

CJ 114 Policing in America (3)  
Covers the history and three eras of policing; police procedures, practices and trends. Introduction to the history of motor vehicle laws and the applicability to society. Exploration of the various codes of RCW, Title 46, and WAC 468-38, and elements comprising each violation as written therein. Covers court preparation and applicability to juveniles.

CJ 115 Interactive Community Policing (3)  
Examination of community problems, programs and methods of coping with human behavior, conflict, and communication styles. Recognition of diverse ethnicities and environments, cultural issues, delinquency and gangs, and neighborhoods in conflict. Overview of interactive models for use in developing healthy and respected police/community relationships and techniques for problem solving.

CJ 125 Public Safety Employer/Employee Relations (2)  
Introduction to dynamics of employer/employee relations in the public safety workplace. Examines professional standards of employee behavior, working conditions, job descriptions, conditions of employment, essential functions, and minimum industry standards. Explores relationships between employees, unions/guilds/benevolent orders, and administrative/supervisory personnel. Discusses collective bargaining agreements, compensation packages, disciplinary processes, and employee advisory services. Open to Criminal Justice majors.

CJ 130 Exploring the Juvenile Justice System (3)  
Provides instruction in theory of juvenile delinquency, use of juvenile investigation procedures and community resources available to deal with juvenile problems. Covers disruptive options and alternatives that affect juvenile behavior, the juvenile court process, sentencing guidelines, and types of juvenile correctional institutions. Focuses on RCW Title 13 Juvenile Code.

CJ 133 Facilities Maintenance Fundamentals (5)  
Introduction to facilities maintenance, including basic grounds maintenance, facilities sanitation, solid waste disposal procedures, and routine and planned/scheduled park maintenance. Examines maintenance and upkeep requirements of specialized amenities, roads, signage, and waterfront facilities. Considers budget process considerations, common procurement practices, and recycling. Focus is on risk management as well as techniques leading to enjoyable showplace park facilities for public use.

CJ 145 Emergency Communications Dispatcher (5)  
Introduction to emergency police dispatcher/call taker. Includes radio terminology and verbiage, voice inflection, call-taking skills, and problem-solving in off-site situations.

CJ 148 Emergency Response to Terrorism (2)  
Introduction to the basic concepts for first responder awareness at the scene of a potential terrorist incident. Receive a National Fire Academy and Office for Domestic Preparedness certificate for course #AWR-102 upon successful completion.

CJ 163 Spanish for Emergency Services (2)  
Basic grammar, pronunciation and vocabulary of the Spanish language to be used when dealing with Spanish-speaking persons encountered in public service occupations such as policing, fire/rescue and emergency medical services. Overview of Spanish-speaking cultures.

CJ 170 Criminal Justice Report Writing (3)  
Study, analysis and practice in criminal justice report writing. Emphasis on terminology, spelling, and report content. Examines use of reports in court systems, and offers familiarization with various agency report forms. Prerequisite: ENGL 99 or equivalent.

CJ 180 Crisis Intervention in Law Enforcement (3)  
Dynamics of crisis intervention from the perspective of the law enforcement officer in a variety of emergency response situations. Theory and techniques of crisis intervention stressing field assessment and knowledge of local resources.

CJ 199 Cooperative Education Experience (1-15)  
Supervised work experience in the criminal justice field. Includes a weekly seminar. Instructor permission required. Prerequisite: Instructor permission required.

CJ 204 Constitutional Law (3)  
Examination of the Washington State and U.S. Constitutions as they relate to criminal justice. Study of the myriad Supreme Court decisions, Constitutional amendments, and their importance to criminal justice.

CJ 206 Arrest, Search, & Seizure (3)  
Examination of the laws of arrest, probable cause, and search and seizure, including search of the person, premises, motor vehicles and emergency searches. Involves the use of necessary Federal cases, Washington State constitution (where applicable), Washington State cases, rules of criminal procedure, and the applicability of the requirements of the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Prerequisite: CJ 111.

CJ 207 Advanced Defensive Tactics (3)  
Advanced elements of defensive tactics and countermeasures against offensive attack. Methods used against aggressive or violent individuals and those affected by drugs or alcohol. Discusses higher-level force including strikes, kicks, impact weapons and chemical agents. Includes mechanics of arrest, transport considerations, and reporting requirements. Prerequisite: CJ 107 and instructor approval.

CJ 208 Rules of Evidence (3)  
Rules of evidence as they apply to criminal justice, why we have them, how they work, their relevance. Understanding of the hearsay rule, evidence presentation, burden of proof, witness competency/impeachment, judicial notice and privileges. Prerequisite: CJ & 101 and CJ 111, or department chair approval.

CJ 213 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault/Child Crimes (3)  
Study of the dynamics of domestic violence, sexual assault, and crimes against children. Examine investigative techniques, and victim's rights and assistance. Considers the history of victim attitudes and the influence these crimes have on society, criminal justice and the legal system.

CJ 215 Principles of Investigation (4)  
Covers the accepted techniques and methods of crime scene preservation, investigation, document-
tation, and the locating and collection of physical evidence. Packaging and submitting relevant evidence to the forensic laboratory. Also covers the principles behind chain of custody; Locard’s theory; methods and techniques of crime scene processing; presumptive and conclusive tests; modern forensic capabilities; compilation of physical and circumstantial evidence for presentation in court.

**CJ 216 Forensic Applications in Criminal Justice (3)**

Explores the principles and trends in forensic science. Learn how to photograph, process, and collect forensic evidence for submission to the crime laboratory. Explores common techniques for drug analysis, DNA profiling, blood spatter interpretation, trace evidence, shoeprints, firearms, tool marks, crime scene reconstruction, and other disciplines. Prerequisite: CJ 215 or department chair approval.

**CJ 218 Basic Collision Investigation (4)**

Study of theories and basic techniques of collision investigation. Learn terminology, preparation of appropriate documents and formulate speed from skid, scuff and vehicle damage; how to collect, identify, and preserve traffic collision data for courtroom preparation.

**CJ 220 Physical Security and Crime Prevention (2)**

Introduction to private security and its role in society, evolution, goals and responsibilities. Overview of institutional security. Student may perform tasks in local security settings.

**CJ 224 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice (3)**

Discuss current trends and issues concerning all aspects of the criminal justice system.

**CJ 225 Criminal Justice Internship (1-5)**

Interact with a criminal justice agency. Apply academic knowledge while becoming familiar with tasks and responsibilities which enhance an agency’s effectiveness within the community. Documentation/research paper required. Some Departments may require uniform funding. May be repeated for credit. Prerequisite: In last two quarters of course work or Department Chair permission.

**CJ 229 Basic Police Academy(1-36)**

Credit applied to individuals so requesting who have completed the Basic Police Office Standards Training (training programs as prescribed by a State certified law enforcement training facility. Appropriate documentation required. Credits may be applied to individual agency collegiate requirements. Not applicable to ATA or AAUCT programs. Prerequisite: graduate from accredited Law Enforcement Basic Academy

**CJ 235 Patrol Procedures (3)**

Introduction to the applicable methods, preparation, and considerations for the patrol officer. Explores rural, suburban and urban patrol options, and the importance of following policy and procedures in the patrol officer’s role. Examines typical responses and the general options available, to a variety of problem-solving situations that face the police. Prerequisite: department chair approval.

**CJ 236 Police Reserve Academy I(7)**

Preparatory training for adequate performance with a law enforcement agency as a reserve police officer. Credit applied to individuals who have completed the prescribed training program as specified by the Washington State legislature. Appropriate documentation required. Not applicable to ATA or AAUCT programs. Prerequisite: Pass background investigation; sponsorship by law enforcement agency.

**CJ 237 Police Reserve Academy II(7)**

Continuation of CJ 236. Preparatory training for adequate performance with a law enforcement agency as a reserve police officer. Credit applied to individuals who have completed the prescribed training program as specified by the Washington State legislature. Appropriate documentation required. Not applicable to ATA or AAUCT programs. Prerequisite: CJ 236.

**CJ 241 Parks Law Enforcement Academy (PLEA) Module 1(6)**

Introduction and orientation to Academy. Covers decorum, uniform, esprit de corps, professional conduct and ethical behavior. Includes NIMS Incident Command Systems module self-study, and units covering harassment, bias policing, leadership, human relations, and baseline physical fitness assessment. Prerequisite: Extensive background and criminal history check/drug analysis and Dept Chair/Committee Approval.

**CJ 242 Parks Law Enforcement Academy (PLEA) Module 2(6)**

Discusses the history, mission, philosophy, goals and objectives of National Park Service/Washington State Parks law enforcement and protection. Incorporates policies, procedures and protocols, Director’s Orders RM-9, Tactical Communications, interviewing and interrogation techniques, conflict management, managing abnormal behaviors, description and identification, victim/witness awareness, special needs groups, and use of force principles and guidelines. Prerequisite: Extensive background and criminal history check/drug analysis and Dept Chair/Committee Approval.

**CJ 243 Parks Law Enforcement Academy (PLEA) Module 3(6)**

Introduction to skills-based defensive tactics, firearms, chemical agents, Taser and emergency vehicle operations course. Covers nomenclature, theories, associated case law, techniques, and practical skills application in the field. Prerequisite: Extensive background and criminal history check/drug analysis and Dept Chair/Committee Approval.

**CJ 244 Parks Law Enforcement Academy (PLEA) Module 4(6)**

Introduction to skills-based defensive tactics, firearms, chemical agents, Taser and emergency vehicle operations course. Covers nomenclature, theories, associated case law, techniques, and practical skills application in the field. Prerequisite: Extensive background and criminal history check/drug analysis and Dept Chair/Committee Approval.

**CJ 245 Parks Law Enforcement Academy (PLEA) Module 5(6)**

Study and application of patrol skills and procedures, investigative techniques, criminalistics, crime scene management, and death investigation. Also covers bombs and explosives ordinance, gangs, domestic violence response, juvenile handling and procedures, environmental crimes awareness, Amber alert development and response, physical security and crime prevention. Prerequisite: Extensive background and criminal history check/drug analysis and Dept Chair/Committee Approval.

**CJ 257 Introduction to Firearm Systems (2)**

Introduction to basic police firearm systems. Instruction in types, configuration and nomenclature of pistols, shotguns, rifles, ammunition types and holster systems. Discusses single shot, revolver, semi-automatic and automatic firing systems, single and double action, and cleaning procedures. Examines various police qualification courses of fire for certification. Prerequisite: Criminal history/background check and Department Chair approval.

**CJ 265 Parks Management (5)**

Examines the myriad activities and issues that the contemporary park and recreation resource manager must face. Focuses on risk management principles, budgeting considerations, scheduling considerations, resources identification, and maintenance management. Covers the duality of purpose - the balance between protection and conservation of resources, and the demand for public use.