



2012-2013 Career Planning Guide

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate in Applied Arts and Sciences Degree (A.A.A.S.)

Shoreline Community College
16101 Greenwood Avenue North
Shoreline, Washington 98133
Length of Program: 90 credits, 6 quarters
Completion Award: A.A.A.S. Degree

Approximate Quarterly Costs
Check quarterly class schedule for Tuition Table
Parking Fee Per Quarter (daytime) \$15
Book prices vary widely. Average Quarterly Cost \$200
Additional Instructional Fees \$25-\$85

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Enrollment: Fall (recommended), Winter, Spring

Criminal Justice Program website: <http://www.shoreline.edu/criminaljustice>

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Criminal Justice Program offers students an overview of the historical, governmental and administrative structures that have shaped and continue to influence the field of criminal justice. The program explores relevant ethical and social issues and promotes self-awareness. Students develop skills in human relations, leadership, analytical reasoning and communication and learn methods for effective police patrol and strategies for preventing and investigating criminal activities. The program teaches practical criminal justice procedures such as the collection and preservation of evidence and police report writing. This program prepares students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, private security as well as some legal/paralegal positions. Students who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university should follow the Criminal Justice Option A Transfer degree.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Students who successfully complete this program will be able to:

1. Evaluate federal and state constitutions and their respective criminal codes.
2. Apply basic theories of police operations and management.
3. Communicate effectively within the criminal justice system.
4. Effectively communicate with the public and respond to various problems many of which may not be criminal in nature.
5. Fairly enforce the laws which regulate public conduct.
6. Properly identify, collect and preserve evidence.
7. Conduct preliminary traffic and criminal investigations, report findings and testify effectively in court.
8. Promote security through appropriate application of standard patrol practices and police interventions.
9. Understand and apply concepts of community-oriented policing.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

The employment outlook is very good with job growth expected to continue over the next decade. Graduates can be employed by municipal, county, state or federal law enforcement, juvenile and adult correction facilities, private and corporate security/investigation firms. Successful employment in many positions – particularly law enforcement positions - is dependent upon passing competitive entrance examinations, meeting various medical requirements, and passing background investigations. Good performance and additional training can enhance opportunities for advancement.

POTENTIAL POSITIONS INCLUDE: (refer to Criminal Justice Homepage at:

<http://www.shoreline.edu/criminaljustice> for additional information)

Police Officer, Criminal or Private Investigator, Security Guard, Correctional Officer, Law Enforcement Administrator. Some graduates have become counselors, authors, professors and attorneys. Entry level salaries range from \$25,000 to as much as \$50,000 depending on agency, state and/or region.

Students considering criminal justice careers should consult with a criminal justice advisor early and obtain a copy of the Criminal Justice Career Suitability Index before investing substantial time and money on a criminal justice education.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information in this publication. However, the information is subject to change without notice, and final career decisions are the responsibility of the reader.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

Shoreline Community College: A.A.A.S.

Degree*

(* separate planning sheet for Criminal Justice transfer students)

PROGRAM PREREQUISITES

High School Diploma or GED and college placement exam.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A.A.A.S. Degree

General Education Requirements (15 credits)

			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
ENGL&	101	English Composition I			
	Or				
BUSTC	215	Prof Communications	5	___	___
BUSTC	105	Computer Applications			
	Or				
___	___	Choose from approved			
		Quantitative Reasoning			
		List	5	___	___
___	___	Multicultural Understanding			
		(See approved list)	5	___	___

Other Core Requirements (20 credits)

CMST&	101	Introduction to Comm	5	___	___
PSYC&	100	General Psychology	5	___	___
SOC&	101	Intro to Sociology	5	___	___
POLS	276	State Local Govt and Adm			
	Or				
POLS&	202	American Government	5	___	___

Recommended Course of study for AAAS students

Criminal Justice Core Course Requirements (40 credits)

<u>First Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ&	101	Intro to Crim Justice	5	___	___
PHIL	248	Ethical Issues in CJ	5	___	___
<u>Second Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ&	110	Criminal Law	5	___	___
<u>Third Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ	120	Administrtn of Justice	5	___	___
<u>Fourth Quarter</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ	238	Crim.Evidence/Const Law	5	___	___
<u>Fifth Quarter*</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ	241	Princ of Investigatn I	5	___	___
<u>Sixth Quarter*</u>			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr.</u>
CJ	249	Police Operations	5	___	___
CJ	290*	Internship	5	___	___

*Internship is recommended for either 5th or 6th quarter. It is only offered winter and spring quarters.

Criminal Justice Professional Electives (15 credits)

			<u>Cr.</u>	<u>Qtr</u>	<u>Gr</u>
CJ	130	Police Rcds Report Writ	4	___	___
CJ	135	Crime Prevention	2	___	___
CJ	137	Essentials of Interviewg	3	___	___
CJ&	106	Juvenile Justice	5	___	___
CJ&	240	Intro Forensic Science	5	___	___
CJ	242	Princ of Investigatn II	5	___	___
CJ	245	Defensive Tactics	5	___	___
CJ&	112	Criminology	5	___	___
	Or				
SOC	112	Criminology	5	___	___
CJ	291-295	Special Topics in CJ	1-5	___	___
CJ	297	Individual Project-CJ	1	___	___
CJ	298	Individual Project-CJ	2	___	___
CJ	299	Individual Project-CJ	3	___	___
GWS	285	Gender, Viol & Soc Chng	5	___	___

Total Credits Required 90

Students should follow this suggested schedule as closely as possible and consult regularly with their assigned academic advisor to review course selections.

Comments: _____

 Student Name

 Student ID #

APPROVAL TO GRADUATE

 Advisor Date

 Division Dean Date

 Credentials Approval Date