

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

The Associate in Science Criminal Justice (CJ) degree program offers a sequence of courses that provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare students to work as criminal justice practitioners/supervisors/managers in law enforcement agencies, correctional institutions, juvenile courts, crime laboratories, and mobile units dealing with physical evidence, etc. The program can also provide supplemental training for persons previously or currently employed in these occupations. The program may also be beneficial to professionals seeking salary incentive benefits or career enhancement in the field.

This program does not prepare students for certification as correctional officers, law enforcement officers, correctional probation officers, or auxiliary law enforcement officers, regardless of the amount of degree work completed. A student must successfully complete a Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission (CJSTC) Basic Recruit Program to become certified, pursuant to Chapter 943, Florida Statutes.

## Articulation Program in Criminal Justice

Students entering this program who have completed the Basic Corrections Training or the Basic Police Recruit Training at any FDLE/CJSTC approved training center and holds current state criminal justice certification may have credits applied toward program completion. Contact the CJ Program Director LSSC's Workforce Programs office for more details.

### Academic Advising

- [advising@lssc.edu](mailto:advising@lssc.edu) 352-787-3747

### Career Development Services

- [Careers@lssc.edu](mailto:Careers@lssc.edu) 352-323-3603

### Program Contact Information

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- Workforce Programs Main Office 352-435-5024

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>General Education Courses</b>		
ENC 1101	College Composition I	3
Select a State Core Course from Area II: Humanities <sup>1</sup>		3
POS 2041	American National Government	3
or AMH 2020	U.S. History Since 1877	
Select a State Core Course from Area IV: Mathematics <sup>1</sup>		3
Natural Sciences State Core <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Introductory Courses</b>		
CGS 1100	Business Computer Applications	3
CJE 2006	Police and Society	3
CCJ 1020	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3

CJE 1002	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CJC 1000	Introduction to Corrections	3
SPC 2608	Public Speaking	3
<b>Intermediate Courses</b>		
CCJ 1001	Introduction to Criminology	3
CJL 2100	Criminal Law	3
CCJ 2358	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
CJE 2500	Police Operations	3
<b>Advanced Courses</b>		
CJL 2102	Criminal Procedure & Evidence	3
CJE 2331	Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
CJE 2600	Criminal Investigation	3
<b>Program Electives</b>		
Select six credits of the following Electives: <sup>2</sup>		6
MAT 1033	Intermediate Algebra	
MGF 1100	Introduction to Mathematical Thinking	
PSY 2012	Introduction to Psychology	
REL 2300	World Religions	
SYG 2000	Introduction to Sociology	
SYG 2010	Social Problems	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

<sup>1</sup> See course options. (<https://lssc-public.courseleaf.com/academic-programs/general-education-requirements/>)

<sup>2</sup> Any CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJL, SCC course not already required. 3 Credits

When beginning this program, students should make an appointment for advising with the Program Manager through the Program Contact email address below.

Only required courses for an LSSC degree or qualifying certificate program are eligible for federal financial aid. Verify course choices and avoid charges by making an appointment with an academic advisor.

## Civic Literacy Requirement

As per the amended Florida Rule 6A-10.02413, prior to the award of a specialized associate in arts transfer degree, associate in arts, associate in science, or baccalaureate degree, LSSC students under the 2022-2023 Catalog and thereafter must demonstrate competency in civic literacy through one of the following options prior to graduation:

- successfully passing POS 2041 American National Government or AMH 2020 U.S. History Since 1877, or AMH 2010 U.S. History to 1877 (beginning Fall 2024 forward), or AMS 2010 Civil Discourse and the American Political Order and achieving a 60% or higher on the Florida Civic Literacy Exam , or
- successfully passing a prescribed assessment:
  - AP Government & Politics Test: United States (passing score of 3), or
  - AP U.S. History Test (passing score of 4), or
  - CLEP. American Government (passing score of 50)
  - CLEP. History of the United States I (passing score of 50)

To verify your Civic Literacy Requirement, please visit Degree Works (<https://degreeworks.lssc.edu/>)

For information about career options, visit [www.lssc.edu/careers](http://www.lssc.edu/careers) (<http://www.lssc.edu/careers>).

Students must complete 25% of each program's total credit hours at LSSC and earn a grade of C or higher in all introductory, intermediate, advanced, and program elective courses.

**Note:** Regardless of any degree work completed, in order to be a sworn law enforcement or corrections officer in the state of Florida, students must successfully complete a state mandated training academy program.