

Associate Degree in Criminal Justice (ACJ)



An Associate Degree in Criminal Justice provides a versatile education that opens the door to a career in the criminal justice field or to a Bachelor's Degree program in a number of fields.

PREPARING YOU FOR A CAREER . . .

- ✓ Earning an Associate in Criminal Justice Degree from SMC will prepare you for the next step in your education. It is designed to transfer into a four-year degree program, including our Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.
- ✓ A two-year degree at SMC will provide you with the credentials for a career in law enforcement, security, corrections, investigation, and government.
- ✓ With an Associate Degree, you can get a higher paying job while you finish your four-year degree. Many employers will consider you for an entry-level position in your chosen career field because you have a degree in hand.

Career Opportunities

Earning an Associate Degree in Criminal Justice can open the door to many exciting career opportunities. At SMC we prepare our graduates to enter the criminal justice or law enforcement fields leading to a number of careers, including:

- Arson Investigator
- Ballistics Officer
- Canine Officer
- Corrections Officer
- Crime Scene Investigators
- Forensic Technicians
- Juvenile Counselors
- Law Enforcement Officers
- Paralegals
- Probation & Parole Officers
- Public Safety Officers
- Social Workers, and more



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*to begin your higher
education journey.*



FINISH HERE
*with the skills you
need to succeed.*

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The Associate in Criminal Justice is designed for individuals already working in the criminal justice field, for individuals interested in careers in that field, and transfer into the Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Criminal Justice degree completion program.

Course Requirements

Associate in Criminal Justice Degree

Subject/Course Requirement	Semester Hours
English	
ENGL 101	3
ENGL 102	3
Literature or English 250	3
Computer Science	
CSCI _____	3
History	
HIST _____ (HIST 101, 102, 112, 201 or 202)	3
SMC Group	
SMC 101	1
SMC 201	1
Mathematics	
MATH _____ (112 or higher)	3 or 4
Health and Wellness	
_____ (PHED 121, Health 101, 201, 240)	3
Public Speaking	
SPCH 201	3
Religion	
RELI _____ (RELI 103, 211, 212, 215 or 220)	3
Science	
Science _____	4
Social Science	
Social Science* _____	3
Social Science* _____	3
Criminal Justice	
CRMJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRMJ 230 Policing	3
CRMJ 250 Courts	3
CRMJ 270 Corrections	3
CRMJ 280 Criminal Justice Ethics	3
CRMJ 290 Crime and Criminology	3
Electives	
Elective _____	3
Total 60 credit hours	

*"Social Science" shall be interpreted to mean Anthropology 101; Economics (BSAD 201, 202); Political Science 202, 203; Psychology 101, 201; Sociology 101, 202, 203; Social Work 201; History 101, 102, 112, 201, 202, 210, 220, 230 (other than that course used for History requirement).

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PATHWAY

Students can earn an Associate degree as a stand-alone qualification, as a stepping stone into further study, or as a guaranteed pathway into SMC's Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration, or Bachelor of Arts in Psychology.

ASSOCIATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE PATHWAY

The Associate in Criminal Justice (ACJ) is a pathway into the Bachelor of Arts with a concentration in Criminal Justice. An ACJ degree also prepares you with the skills to enter the field of criminal justice and enhances your ability to be hired in local, state, federal agencies, and private sector entry-level positions.

TUITION & FEES

The tuition and fees below apply to the 2024-2025 school year. Please note that all tuition and fees are subject to change at any time when circumstances warrant.

Tuition (per academic year)	\$17,400*
Room & Board (per academic year)	\$10,200
Fees (per academic year)	\$3,250

*Tuition rate for full-time students is based on an hourly rate of \$725 per credit hour up to the 12-credit-hour, full-time requirement.