This program provides a foundation in criminal justice for individuals planning careers in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, or private security. The core criminal justice classes focus on the major components and operations of our system of justice at the local, county, state and federal levels. Students will study criminal law and procedure, corrections and the courts. They will also review the administration, organization and processes of the overall criminal justice system.

PROFICIENCY CREDIT: Proficiency credit(s) are available for actively working full-time police officers (and corrections officers) who are certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement (or Corrections Officer). These officers must have completed the Approved Basic Law Enforcement (or Corrections) Officers Training Academies (400 or 480 hours) and have one year or more of full-time experience as a police (or corrections) officer and they must have completed their probationary period.

GENERAL EDUCATION CORE (18-19 credits)

Area A: Communication (9 credits)

- ENG 101 3 cr Composition I - grade of C or better (Prereq. English Placement Test or ENG 099 with C or better)
- ENG 102 3 cr Composition II - grade of C or better (Prereq. ENG 101 with C or better)
- COMM 101 3 cr Principles of Communication (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts (3 credits)

- Select one course from: ART 121, 122, 126, 129, 131; ENG 211, 212, 215, 221, 231, 232, 240, 243, 252, 256, 261, 262, 271; HIST 240; HUMAN 101, 102, 201, 202, 203; MUSIC 130, 132; PHILO 101, 202, 203, 204, 205; SPAN 202; THTRE 101.

Area C: Mathematics (Demonstrated Competence Required)

- Competency 0 cr Placement into MATH 095 or completion of MATH 090 with C or better is required.

Area D: Physical and Life Sciences (3-4 credits)

- Select one course from: ASTRO 101, 104; BIOL 100, 103, 105, 106, 107, 111, 112; CHEM 105, 110; GEOG 105; GEOLO 101, 102; METEO 150; PHYSC 111, 112; PHYSI 101, 105, 120, 210.

Area E: Social and Behavioral Science (3 credits)

- POLSC 140 3 cr Introduction to U.S. Government & Politics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (42 credits)

- CJ 101 3 cr Introduction to Criminal Justice (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 102 3 cr Introduction to Criminology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 103 3 cr Law Enforcement Organization and Administration (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 106 3 cr Introduction to Corrections (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 110 3 cr Community-Based Policing (Prereq. CJ 101)
- CJ 120 3 cr Introduction to Homeland Security (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above) [Cross-listed as FST 121]
- CJ 201 3 cr Introduction to Criminal Law (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 203 3 cr Principles of Criminal Investigation (Prereq. CJ 101)
- CJ 204 3 cr Juvenile Justice (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 207 3 cr Street Law: Understanding Law and Legal Issues (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 208 3 cr Principles of Criminalistics (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
- CJ 270 3 cr Computer Forensics (Prereq. CJ 101 or IT 140)
- ITAPP 101 3 cr Introduction to Computers (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; ITOFS 100 recommended)
- ELECTIVE 3 cr Select one course from the list below:
  - CJ 299 (3) Criminal Justice Internship (Prereq. Coordinator Consent)
  - PSYCH 101 (3) Introduction to Psychology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)
  - SOCIO 101 (3) Introduction to Sociology (Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above)

PROGRAM TOTAL (60 credits)

- Successfully completed at least 15 semester hours of credit at PSC (excluding proficiency credits).
- Attained a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all PSC courses. **Current cumulative GPA:**
- Filed appropriate evidence of high school graduation or GED certificate with the Office of Enrollment Services.
Filed a Graduation Petition Form with the Office of Enrollment Services.  
Deadline for filing: October 1 for Winter, March 1 for Spring, July 1 for Summer.  (December, May & August candidates may choose to participate in the annual May Commencement Ceremony. Deadline to apply for ceremony is March 1st).

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This is an UNOFFICIAL evaluation. Official Evaluations must be requested in the Office of Enrollment Services.

IMPORTANT PSC GRADUATION POLICIES
1. If the degree or certificate requirements are changed during your continuous attendance, you may elect to satisfy either the new requirements or the ones in force when you enrolled.
2. If you withdraw from Prairie State College for either a fall or spring semester, you must satisfy requirements in force at the time you re-enroll.
3. Requests for COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS in the program must be directed to the Program Coordinator. A Course Substitution Form must be signed by the Program Coordinator and submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services at least one semester prior to graduation.
4. Petitions for alteration of other graduation requirements must be submitted on a Student Appeal Form at least one semester prior to graduation.

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CAREER PLANNING/PLACEMENT INFORMATION:
Illinois Law Enforcement Training & Standards Board: www.ptb.state.il.us
Federal Bureau of Investigation: www.fbi.gov
American Academy of Forensic Sciences: www.aafs.org
Employment opportunities: www.collegecentral.com/prairiestate

PROFICIENCY CREDIT FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE COURSES

Individuals who meet the following guidelines may qualify for proficiency credit in one or more criminal justice courses at Prairie State College.

- Complete an Application for Proficiency Test Form (available in the Counseling and Advising Center) for each course for which proficiency credit is requested.
- Attach xerox copies of the appropriate documentation.
- Pay the $25 proficiency fee, for each course for which proficiency credit is requested, in the Business Office, Room 1110.
- Return the completed application to the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Academic Services and Counseling, Room 1191. (708) 709-3522.

CJ 101 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program)
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Must have completed probationary status at current law enforcement agency.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

CJ 102 - Introduction to Criminology (No proficiency credit option available)
CJ 103 - Law Enforcement Organization and Administration
1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time Law Enforcement Supervisory experience with the rank of Officer-In-Charge, Corporal, Sergeant or above.
3. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

CJ 106 - Introduction to Corrections
1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Corrections Officer (240 hour Basic Corrections Officer Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year experience as a full-time Corrections Officer.

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3. Must have completed probationary status at current agency.
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**CJ 110 - Community Based Policing** *(No proficiency credit option available)*

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Law Enforcement Officer.
3. Must have completed probationary status at current law enforcement agency.
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**CJ 201 - Introduction to Criminal Law**

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of two years of full-time experience as a Detective, Juvenile Officer, or Crime Scene Technician.
3. Documentation of a minimum of eighty hours advanced training in criminal investigations and/or certification for crime scene evidence technicians.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

**CJ 203 - Principles of Criminal Investigation**

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of two years of full-time experience as a Detective, Juvenile Officer, or Crime Scene Technician.
3. Documentation of a minimum of eighty hours advanced training in criminal investigations and/or certification for crime scene evidence technicians.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

**CJ 204 - Juvenile Justice**

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Juvenile Officer.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

**CJ 207 - Street Law: Understanding Law and Legal Issues** *(No proficiency credit option available)*

**CJ 208 - Principles of Criminalistics**

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program).
2. Minimum of two years of full-time experience as a Detective/Investigator and/or Evidence Technician.
3. Documentation of a minimum of eighty hours advanced training in Criminalistics or Practical Homicide Investigations.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

**CJ 299 - Criminal Justice Internship**

1. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Law Enforcement Officer (400 or 480 hour Basic Law Enforcement Training Program). **OR**
2. Certification from the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board as a Corrections Officer (240 hour Basic Corrections Officer Training Program). **AND**
3. Minimum of one year of full-time experience as a Law Enforcement Officer or Corrections Officer who has completed their probationary status and field training program.
4. Written verification of the above must be provided by the agency’s chief executive officer on agency letterhead.

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