

ASSOCIATE & BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS PERSONNEL

THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



COURSES

- Provides students with substantial knowledge on the nature and causes of crime and delinquency, law and the legal system for juveniles and adults in American society, and the decision making processes of criminal justice and related agencies.
- Develops critical thinking and communication skills and prepares students for careers in government, research, teaching, non-profit, or legal institutions.
- Provides a strong foundation for successful graduate study in criminal justice, criminology, public administration, and other programs.

FACULTY

- Vermont Corrections Department personnel who have graduated from the Vermont Correctional Academy and/or have relevant certified training may transfer at least 16 credits towards the Associate or Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice at the College of St. Joseph (see *Articulation of Transfer Credits* on reverse page). In addition to general education requirements, the courses that Corrections personnel typical require to earn a degree in criminal justice include:
 - Law and Society
 - Policing in America
 - Race, Ethnicity, Gender & Class
 - Juvenile Justice
 - Criminology
 - Professional Writing
 - Criminal Law
 - Research Methods

LIFE EXPERIENCE HARVEST

- Knowledgeable educators who work closely with students to achieve academic goals.
- J.D.- and Ph.D.-level professors with extensive research and practitioner experience within public and private institutions.
- Experienced professionals in the fields of law enforcement, jurisprudence, corrections, probation and parole, and administration.

EDUCATION BENEFITS

- CSJ acknowledges the fact that not all meaningful learning experiences take place during formal educational activities. Accepted students who have attained significant experiential knowledge outside the normal scope of college or university instruction may petition the College for appropriate undergraduate academic credit through the *Harvest* program. Administrative fees for the first 12 credits are \$750 and \$40 for each credit thereafter. 45-credit limit.

TUITION FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

- In addition to the individual benefits of higher education, attaining an advanced degree can significantly improve career opportunities and long-term income potential. Corrections personnel may advance their career or pursue options in several other professional areas:
 - Government
 - Law Enforcement
 - Education
 - Social Services
 - Legal Services
 - Federal Agencies

- The CSJ Financial Aid Office (802-776-5218) assists students in identifying and applying for financial aid (i.e., state and federal grant and loan programs, CSJ-based awards, employer programs, private institution/foundation awards). The 2008-09 full-time tuition is \$15,500 per year. Part-time tuition is \$250 per credit hour. Most students qualify for financial assistance during their attendance at CSJ.
- The valedictorian from each VCA class will receive a \$1,500 annual scholarship and graduates with a final grade average of at least 97 percent will receive a \$1,000 annual scholarship for attending CSJ on a full-time basis (i.e., 12 credits per semester). In each case, enrollment and attendance must begin within 18 months of their VCA graduation date. 2003-07 VCA graduates with these distinctions will qualify for this scholarship if they apply and begin their attendance in the CSJ Criminal Justice Program by the Spring 2009 semester. Scholarships are renewable to recipients who maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA at the College and continue in the employment of the Department of Corrections for at least 12 months following their VCA graduation.

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ARTICULATION OF TRANSFER CREDITS

VERMONT CORRECTIONAL ACADEMY & COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREE

| VERMONT CORRECTIONAL ACADEMY COURSES | COLLEGE OF ST. JOSEPH COURSES | CREDITS |
|---|--|---|
| Organizational Overview The Corrections Profession Medical/Mental Health Blood borne/Communicable Diseases | Suicide Prevention Basic Drug Identification Contraband and Searches Offender Discipline Offender Classification | CRJ 282 Corrections |
| Advance Communication Techniques | | CRJ 311 Interpersonal Skills in CRJ |
| Use of Force | | CRJ 314 Defensive Tactics/Skills for CRJ Practitioners (CRJ elective) |
| Legal Issues in Corrections Prison Rape Elimination Act Offender Grievance Process Sexual Harassment/Diversity | Working with Female Offenders Staff Sexual Misconduct American with Disabilities Act | CRJ 315 Criminal Justice Ethics & Professionalism (CRJ elective) |
| Emergency Preparedness Fire Safety | Standard First Aid | CRJ 316 Emergency Preparedness (General elective) [minus 1 credit for <40hrs. of equivalent course time] (2) |
| Field Experience | | CRJ 320 Internship I in CRJ [minus 1 credit for <60hrs. of field experience] (2) |
| TOTAL TRANSFER CREDIT HOURS EARNED THROUGH VCA: | | 16 |
| REMAINING COURSE CREDITS @ CSJ | | |
| Program Credits | | 42 |
| | | CRJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 210 Law and Society* ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 230 Drugs and Society |
| | | CRJ 240 Professional Writing ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 250 Race, Ethnicity, Gender & Class |
| | | CRJ 270 Victimology ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 281 Policing in America |
| | | CRJ 280 Juvenile Justice ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 283 Criminal Justice Administration |
| | | CRJ 285 Research Methods ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 310 Criminology ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 312 Criminal Law* ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 340 Corporate & White Collar Crime |
| | | CRJ 440 Criminal Justice Seminar |
| General Education Credits | | 39 |
| | | ENG 101 Introduction to College Writing ^(AS) |
| | | COM 101 Speech Communication ^(AS) |
| | | MAT 101 Survey of Mathematics (or BUS101) ^(AS) |
| | | SCI 101 Biology w/lab ^(AS) |
| | | CIS 101 Computer Literacy ^(AS) |
| | | ENG 102 Reading & Writing About Literature ^(AS) |
| | | PSY 102 Introduction to Psychology ^(AS) |
| | | CRJ 300 Qualitative & Quantitative Analysis |
| | | PHI 301 Ethics for the Professional |
| | | CRJ 350 Forensic Science |
| | | Philosophy or Religion course ^(AS) |
| | | Fine Arts course |
| | | English Elective |
| General Elective Credits** | | 30 |
| TOTAL CREDITS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE: | | 127 |

Required documentation includes copies of the student's notarized VCA transcript, VCA graduation certificate, and any other relevant documentation of equivalent course completion as well as a CSJ admissions application.

* Also satisfies social science core requirements.

**No CRJ courses may be used to satisfy this requirement.

^(AS)These are the required courses to earn the Associate of Science degree.

A minimum of 33 credits must be taken at the College of St. Joseph (regardless of the number of credits transferred), 18 of which must be upper level courses (300-400); 12 of these must be in the criminal justice major with at least 9 credits at the upper level.

At the time of matriculation, students may request to transfer credits completed at a regionally accredited college or university if they earned a grade of "C" or better in the course(s).

Note: In-service students should discuss these requirements with the criminal justice advisor. Transfer students from criminal justice programs in other schools are urged to review their transcript evaluation with the advisor or the Registrar's Office. Students must satisfy the general education and academic major requirements, regardless of the number of criminal justice credits transferred.