



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE CRIMINAL JUSTICE – GENERAL OPTION

Program Description

Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Applied Science Criminal Justice General Option Degree. This program prepares the student for entry into the field of police work and related occupations. Criminal justice vocations have evolved from jobs with minimal requirements to jobs requiring complex knowledge and skills. This curriculum gives the student theory, principles, and techniques employed by criminal justice agencies and police units. The study of the law as it relates to criminal justice agencies, human behavior, government, and communications along with specialized course work comprise the curriculum. Graduates from the AAS in Criminal Justice program may seek job opportunities on the federal, state, county, and municipal levels.

With experience, the CJ graduate may move into administrative or supervisory positions in corrections, security and/or law enforcement.

List of Colleges

[Ashland Community & Technical College](#), [Big Sandy Community & Technical College](#), [Elizabethtown Community & Technical College](#), [Gateway Community & Technical College](#), [Hopkinsville Community College](#), [Jefferson Community & Technical College](#), [Somerset Community College](#), [Madisonville Community College](#), [Owensboro Community & Technical College](#), and [Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College](#) offer this degree.

One of these colleges must be designated as your Home College because only a Home College can confer a degree. Even though the classes will be delivered by different KCTCS colleges, the Home College will admit you and take care of all of your student service needs including advising, library services, billing, financial aid, etc.

Getting Started

Students may register for KCTCS online classes offered system wide directly at any KCTCS college. Individuals may also complete a “course inquiry” submit form through www.kyvc.org. KYVC course inquiries are submitted directly to the KCTCS Home College identified by the student. The student’s chosen Home College processes the course inquiry either through formal admission procedures or class enrollment. Additional information about KCTCS admission requirements and college contacts may be accessed at www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning.

General Option Competencies

Upon completion of this program, the graduate can:

1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature, function, and scope of criminal justice ideas, issues, and programs,
2. Identify and demonstrate the abilities needed to supervise and manage various aspects of a police, corrections, or security and loss prevention agency,
3. Understand the issues and component parts of a police, corrections, or private security organization,
4. Identify and demonstrate the abilities needed to supervise and manage various aspects of a police agency,
5. Communicate effectively using standard written English,
6. Communicate in a clear oral and non-verbal fashion and employ active listening skills,
7. Demonstrate basic skills in computer operations and/or software applications,
8. Organize, analyze, and make information useful by employing mathematics,
9. Demonstrate an awareness of one’s interaction with the biological/physical environment,
10. Demonstrate an awareness of self as an individual, as a member of a multicultural society, and/or as a member of the world community,
11. Recognize the impact of decisive ideas and events in human heritage,
12. Develop and perform basic search strategies and access information in a variety of formats, print and non-print,

13. Analyze, summarize, and interpret a variety of reading materials,
14. Think critically and make connections in learning across the disciplines,
15. Elaborate upon knowledge to create new thoughts, processes, and/or products,
16. Demonstrate an awareness of ethical considerations in making value choices.

Course Requirements

Here is a listing of the classes involved in this degree. There may be additional courses that meet these requirements. Please check the current course catalog and online class schedule for additional information and offerings. The entire Associate in Applied Science degree may be completed online; however, some faculty may require proctored exams. Approved proctored sites are listed at <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning> under student services.

General Education (Required):	
ENG 101 Writing I	3
Eng 102 Writing II	3
COM 181 Basic Public Speaking OR	(3)
COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communications	3
CIS 100 Introduction to Computer Applications	3
Mathematics Course(s)	3
Science Course	3
Heritage/Humanities Course	3
PS101 American Government OR	(3)
PS255 State Government	3
PSY100 Introduction to Psychology OR	4
PY110 General Psychology	(3)
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
Elective Courses	6
Subtotal	36-37
Technical Core Courses (Required):	
CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3

CJ 216 Criminal Law	3
CJ 217 Criminal Procedures	3
CJ 204 Criminal Investigations	3
CJ 202 Issues and Ethics In Criminal Justice	3
Subtotal	15

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Required:	
Criminal Justice Electives	9
Electives (choose 9 hours from the following):	
CJ 105 Police Supervision	3
CJ 201 Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CJ 203 Community Corrections/Probation & Patrol	3
CJ 208 Delinquency & the Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 210 Physical Security Technology and Systems	3
CJ 211 Liability and Legal Issues	3
CJ 222 Prison and Jail Administration	3
CJ 290 Internship in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 299 Topics in Criminal Justice	1-3
Subtotal	9
Total	60-61

COURSES: <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning/Courses.htm>

CONTACTS: <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning/collegeContacts.htm>

FINANCIAL AID: <http://www.kctcs.edu/student/financialaidscholarships/index.htm>

GETTING STARTED: <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning/gettingstarted.htm>

KCTCS CONTACTS: <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning/DLPeerTeam.htm>

ONLINE BOOKSTORE: <http://www.campusstores.com/kctcs/index.asp>

STUDENT TUTORIAL: <http://www.kctcs.edu/distancelearning/tutorials.htm>