



ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE LAW ENFORCEMENT OPTION

Program Description

Thank you for your interest in the Associate of Applied Science Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Degree. This program prepares the student for entry into the field of police work and related occupations. 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.

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, Madisonville Community College, Owensboro Community & Technical College, Somerset Community College, and Southeast Kentucky Community & Technical College offer this degree.

One of these colleges must be designated as your Home College. 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

With a KCTCS **Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice, Law Enforcement**, you may transfer this degree to University of Louisville and complete the Bachelor of Science Administration of Justice Degree completely online.

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.

Law Enforcement 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:	
ENG 101 Writing I	3
ENG 102 Writing II	3
COM 252 Introduction to Interpersonal Communication OR	3
COM181 Basic Public Speaking ***	(3)
CIS 100 Introduction to Computer Applications	3
Mathematics Course(s)	3
Science Course	
Heritage/Humanities Course	3
PS 101 American Government OR	3
PS 255 State Government	(3)
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology OR	4
PY 110 General Psychology ***	(3)
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology ***	3
Elective Courses	6
Subtotal	36 - 37
Technical Core Courses:	
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:	
CJ 215 Police Patrol (required for this)	3
Electives (choose 6 hours from the list below):	
CJ 105 Police Supervision	3
CJ 201 Introduction to Criminalistics	3
CJ 208 Delinquency & the Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ 290 Internship in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 299 Selected Topics in Criminal Justice	3
Subtotal	9
Total	60-61

* Formerly MA 109/MT 109. This course numbering will be effective fall 2004.

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Helpful links:

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>