**Administration of Justice Degree**

This degree covers the prevention, discovery, control and treatment of crimes, criminals, and criminality. Students desiring to enter a career concerned with the administration of justice will find that this curriculum has flexibility that allows them to prepare for specific fields included in that broad category. The program also provides courses to prepare students for transfer to a four-year institution. Opportunities for graduates include positions as federal and state parole officers, probation officers, and correctional administrators.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

Upon completion of this program, the student will be able to:

- evaluate various local, state, and federal law enforcement career options.
- research the law enforcement application and hiring processes and develop an effective career strategy.
- critique the ethical philosophy of the American justice system and all participants.
- analyze crime causation, criminal statutes and elements of particular crimes and criminal procedures.
- recognize the complexities of punishment, corrections, community and human relations.
- evaluate the complex legal aspects of criminal investigations, procedures, constitutional law, and case law.
- identify various controlled substances and interpret their addictive properties, influences, and impact on society and law enforcement.
- apply laws and procedures for the collection and use of evidence.
- identify and adapt to ethical standards placed on law enforcement professionals.
- communicate effectively in written and oral formats.

**Career Opportunities**

Police Officer; Deputy Sheriff; Crime Scene Investigator; Identification Technician; Community Services Officer; Corrections Officer; Parole Officer; Probation Officer and a variety of support service occupations. Potential employers include: Federal, State and local law enforcement agencies (Sheriff, Police, California Highway Patrol, Federal Bureau of Investigations, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, Crime Scene Investigations, and California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation).

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**Associate Degree Requirements:**

The Administration of Justice Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree may be obtained by completion of the required program, plus general education requirements, plus sufficient electives to meet a 60-unit total. See ARC graduation requirements.

**ADMJ 300 Introduction to Administration of Justice**

Advisory: ENGLISH 102, or placement through the assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8

Course Transferable to UC/CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course introduces students to the characteristics of the American criminal justice system. Emphasis is placed on examining due process, U.S. Constitutional Rights, criminal activity, crime causation, domestic and international criminal threats, law enforcement response to criminal activity, future law enforcement trends, components of the American justice system, courts and correctional services with an emphasis on ethics and leadership.

**ADMJ 302 Community Relations: Multicultural Issues**

Advisory: ENGLISH 102, or placement through the assessment process.

General Education: AA/AS Area V(b) (effective Summer 2010); AA/AS Area VI (effective Summer 2010); CSU Area D3; CSU Area D7

Course Transferable to CSU

Hours: 54 hours LEC

This course examines the complex, dynamic relationship between communities and the institutions of the justice system in addressing crime and conflict with an emphasis on the challenges and prospects of administering justice within a diverse, multicultural population. It addresses the role that race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, social class, culture and the criminal justice professional play in shaping these relationships. It also examines new strategies, skills, tools, and cultural knowledge necessary for personnel engaged in all aspects of the criminal justice system. Special topics include how terrorism and the need for homeland security have changed the dynamics of police community relations.
ADMJ 304 Juvenile Delinquency 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D0
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines juvenile delinquency from a variety of perspectives, including the concept of delinquency, theories of delinquency, social, community, and environmental influences on delinquency and the juvenile justice system (past and present). An overview of adolescent problems and current approaches being utilized to confront these problems is discussed. It examines a variety of the causes of juvenile delinquency, as well as suggestions for the treatment of delinquency at both the state and local levels. It also examines the nature and extent of delinquency with relation to gender differences, family dynamics, peer and gang groups, schools, drug use, and the juvenile justice courts.

ADMJ 320 Concepts of Criminal Law 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
General Education: AA/AS Area V(b); CSU Area D8
Course Transferable to UC/CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the philosophy and structure of criminal law in the United States. Special emphasis is placed on the classification of crime, the general elements of crime, the definitions of common and statutory law, and the nature of acceptable evidence. It utilizes case studies to introduce students to criminal law and the classification of crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare. It also includes discussion of prosecution and defense decision making, criminal culpability, and defenses to crimes.

ADMJ 322 Criminal Procedures 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course is an in-depth study of criminal procedures used to enforce substantive law at both the federal and state level. Every step of the criminal process, from arrest to appeal, is thoroughly explored.

ADMJ 323 Legal Aspects of Evidence 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course examines the origins, development, philosophy, and constitutional foundations of the rules of evidence as applied in United States law. Emphasis is placed on the types of evidence and the laws governing admissibility of evidence into criminal procedures. Topics include search and seizure, hearsay evidence, witness competency, direct and circumstantial evidence.

ADMJ 330 Criminal Investigation 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course introduces students to basic investigative responsibilities and procedures as applied to criminal investigations. Topics include crime scene management, forensic and physical evidence handling, search and seizure, property crimes, violent crimes, organized criminal enterprises, gangs, and domestic and international terrorist organizations.

ADMJ 331 Patrol Procedures 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course explores the early development and present-day role of patrol operations and techniques used by local law enforcement agencies. Major topics include community policing, effective patrol strategies, gang awareness, and key factors affecting deployment of patrol resources, such as community involvement and meeting department objectives.

ADMJ 340 Introduction to Correctional Services 3 Units
Advisory: ENGWR 102; or placement through the assessment process.
Course Transferable to CSU
Hours: 54 hours LEC
This course provides an overview of the history and trends of adult and juvenile corrections including probation and parole. It focuses on the legal issues, specific laws, and general operation of correctional institutions. The relationship between corrections and other components of the judicial system is examined.