CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AA

Program Code: Criminal Justice-AA
Program Description

TMCC's Associate of Arts, Criminal Justice degree is designed for students wishing to explore or enter a highly rewarding career in the criminal justice system (https://www.tmcc.edu/criminal-justice/). It is designed as either a stand-alone associate degree in the field of criminal justice or as a university transfer option to UNR. The transfer option allows students to earn their university required lower division courses upon completion of their Associate of Arts.

Students are strongly encouraged to obtain academic advisement at TMCC for courses that are consistent with the UNR - TMCC transfer agreement to ensure a smooth transition in the university transfer process.

Criminal Justice Career Map (https://sites.tmcc.edu/flipbook/career-maps/)

Recommended Course Schedule

1st semester		Units
English [5]		3
Mathmatics [5]		3
Social Science/U.S. and Nevada Constitutions [6]		3
CRJ 104	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
Foreign Language or transferable elective [7]		4
	Semester Total	**16**
2nd semester		
ENG 102 or ENG 114	Composition II [5] or Composition II For International and Multilingual Students	3
APST 207 or STAT 152	Practical Statistics (Practical Statistics) or Introduction to Statistics	3
CRJ 211	Police in America: An Introduction	3
Foreign Language or transferable elective [7]		4
Science [6]		3
	Semester Total	**16**
3rd semester		
Humanities [5]		3
CRJ 106 or CRJ 234	Introduction to Corrections or Introduction to the Courts and American Legal System	3
CRJ 222	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
Foreign Language or Transferable Elecitve [7]		3
Science [6]		3
	Semester Total	**15**
4th semester		
CRJ 234 or CRJ 106	Introduction to the Courts and American Legal System or Introduction to Corrections	3
Transferable Elective [6]		4
Fine Arts/Diversity [6]		3
Foreign Language or Transferable Elective [7]		3
	Semester Total	**13**
	Total Units	**60**

[5] See approved General Education list for the AA/AS Degree. (https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/)

[6] See program recommendations or requirements.

[7] See approved Foreign Language list for the AA Degree. (https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-foreign-language-requirements/)

Program Requirements

Associate of Arts degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university.

To earn an AA degree, students must:

1. Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 (see requirements for graduation.)
2. Complete a minimum of 15 units within the college.
3. Satisfy General Education requirements for the AA (https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/).
4. Have no financial or library obligation to the college.

Code	Title	Units
General Education Requirements		
English		*3-6*
	Including ENG 102 or ENG 114 [1]	
Fine Arts		*3*
Recommended:		
Select a course that satisfies both Fine Arts and Diversity requirement.		
Humanities [2]		*3*
Mathematics [2]		*3*
Science		*6*
Recommended:		
BIOL 100	General Biology for Non-Majors (Includes laboratory experience)	
or GEOL 100	Earthquakes, Volcanoes and Natural Disasters	
or NUTR 121	Human Nutrition	
and		
BIOL 170	Calling Bullshit: Reasoning in a World of Data and Misinformation	
or DATA 101	Introduction to Data Science	
or ENV 101	Introduction to Environmental Science	
Social Science		*3*
Recommended:		
Select a course that satisfies both Social Science and U.S. and Nevada Constitutions requirement.		
Additional Degree Requirements		
Diversity [3]		*[3]*
Recommended:		
Select a course that satisfies both Fine Arts and Diversity requirement.		

Foreign Language [4]		*0-8*
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions [3]		*[3]*
Reommended:		
Select a course that satisfies both Social Science and U.S. and Nevada Constitutions requirement.		

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APST 207	Practical Statistics (Practical Statistics)	3
or STAT 152	Introduction to Statistics	
CRJ 104	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
CRJ 106	Introduction to Corrections [2]	3
CRJ 211	Police in America: An Introduction [2]	3
CRJ 222	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CRJ 234	Introduction to the Courts and American Legal System	3

Elective Requirements

Select 10-18 units of transferable electives:		10-18
Recommended:		
Last 2 courses of Foreign Language courses		
CPD 116	Substance Abuse-Fundamental Facts and Insights	
CRJ 125	Legal Careers and Law Schools	
CRJ 126	Legal Research and Methods	
CRJ 127	Legal Writing	
CRJ 289	Law and Justice	

Any transferable electives in CRJ, ANTH, ART, COM, DAN, ENG, HIST, PHIL, PSC, SOC, or THTR

Total Units	**60**

[1] If you place into ENG 102 or ENG 114, the additional 3 required units will be become elective credits.

[2] See the approved General Education (https://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/) page for a complete list of courses.

[3] May also be used to satisfy another General Education, Degree, or Elective requirement.

[4] UNR BA degree requires four semesters of college foreign language (Four years of high school foreign language instruction does not automatically satisfy this requirement.)

Program Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

PSLO1: Describe the main components of the justice system, including law enforcement, prosecution, courts, and corrections, and how those stakeholders function and interact.

PSLO2: Explain the processes of arrest, pretrial detention, criminal prosecution and procedure, and possible sanctions after conviction.

PSLO3: Describe the foundation of criminal law and procedure, and the rights and protections granted under the U.S. Constitution as they apply to criminal investigations, arrests, convictions, and detentions.

PSLO4: Explain the general theories underlying crime and justice policies, and how they have impacted the criminal justice system over time.

Note: In accordance with the TMCC/UNR transfer agreement, students who complete the TMCC Criminal Justice Degree Associate of Arts prior to entering the UNR Bachelor of Arts program fulfill all General Education requirements. Students who plan to transfer without a Degree should consult with an academic advisor at TMCC for important information about transferring general education courses.

Transfer Agreements

AA/AS degrees are designed for students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university. General information about general transfer agreements can be found on the Academic Advisement website (https://www.tmcc.edu/advisement/transfer-students/transfer-agreements/). Students who intend to transfer to another college or university should speak with a TMCC Academic Advisor and consult with that institution. The transfer institution determines how TMCC courses will transfer. TMCC has agreements with the following institutions towards a bachelor's degree in the same or similar discipline.

- University of Nevada, Reno (https://www.unr.edu/admissions/transfer/credits/transfer-agreements/)