

Criminal Justice Technology Associate of Applied Science Degree (CJ03)

The Criminal Justice associate degree program is a sequence of courses that prepares students for criminal justice and corrections professions. Learning opportunities develop academic, occupational, and professional knowledge and skills required for job acquisition, retention, and advancement. The program emphasizes a combination of Criminal Justice theory and practical application necessary for successful employment. Program graduates receive an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice Technology. Graduates who are current practitioners will benefit from enhancement of career potential. Entry-level persons will be prepared to pursue diverse opportunities in the corrections, security, investigative, and police administration fields.

Students desiring to be employed in the public protection sector upon graduation must meet the requirements established by Georgia Code 35-8-8.

NOTICE: Students who intend to become certified Peace Officers or Corrections Officers in the State of Georgia should understand that according to the Georgia Peace Officer and Standards Training (P.O.S.T.) Council, each applicant, "shall not have been convicted by any state or by the federal government of any crime the punishment for which could have been imprisonment in a federal or state prison or institution nor have been convicted of sufficient misdemeanors to establish a pattern of disregard for the law, provided that, for purposes of this paragraph, violations of traffic laws and other offenses involving the operation of motor vehicles when the applicant has received a pardon shall not be considered." This means that the Council will require that a thorough Criminal and Traffic History be completed to include but not limited to: a Certified Driver's History, a Georgia Crime Information Center and a National Crime Information Center printout. Qualifications for peace officer/corrections officer may be found at the P.O.S.T. web site: <http://www.gapost.org>

Employment Opportunities:

The degree and diploma programs in Criminal Justice Technology prepare students for positions in law enforcement, corrections or security such as: Community Police Officer, Detention Officer, EMS Coordinator, Policy Officer, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Dispatcher, Jailer, and Records Manager.

A criminal background investigation with a satisfactory determination is required of all persons working in the criminal justice field.

Program Costs: (*Costs are estimates and are subject to change.*)

Approximately \$4,615 for tuition and fees.
Approximately \$2,035 for books and other specific program costs.

Program Length:

The program usually takes eight (8) quarters to complete for a full-time student.

Entrance Dates:

Quarterly

Admissions Criteria:

- Submit a completed application and nonrefundable application fee;
- Must be at least 16 years of age;
- Submit official copies of your high school transcript verifying graduation or official GED passing scores to the Admissions Office;
- Submit official copies of any postsecondary transcripts to the Admissions Office;
- Take the HGTC placement exam or provide comparable SAT, ACT, or CPE scores in English, reading and math;
- Attend New Student Orientation

Curriculum Outline

General Core Courses

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| ENG 1101 | Composition and Rhetoric | 5 |
| ENG 2130 | American Literature | 5 |
| OR | | |
| HUM 1101 | Introduction to Humanities | (5) |
| SPC 1101 | Public Speaking | 5 |
| OR | | |
| ENG 1105 | Technical Communications | (5) |

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| ECO 1101 | Principles of Economics | 5 |
| OR | | |
| SOC 1101 | Introduction to Sociology | (5) |
| MAT 1101 | Mathematical Modeling | 5 |
| OR | | |
| MAT 1111 | College Algebra | (5) |
| OR | | |
| MAT 1100 | Quantitative Skills and Reasoning | (6) |
| PSY 1101 | Introduction to Psychology | 5 |

Occupational Courses

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| CRJ 101 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 5 |
| CRJ 103 | Corrections | 5 |
| CRJ 104 | Principles of Law Enforcement | 5 |
| CRJ 105 | Criminal Procedure | 5 |
| CRJ 168 | Criminal Law | 5 |
| CRJ 202 | Constitutional Law | 5 |
| CRJ 207 | Juvenile Justice | 5 |
| CRJ 209 | Criminal Justice Technology Practicum/ Internship | 5 |
| CRJ 212 | Ethics in Criminal Justice | 5 |
| SCT 100 | Introduction to Microcomputers | 3 |
| XXX xxx | Occupationally Related Electives | 20 |

Credits Required for Graduation: 98