

# Southern West Virginia 2022-2023 Southern Academic Catalog Community Technical College

## Criminal Justice, A.A.S.

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### Purpose

The Criminal Justice Program is designed to prepare individuals for entry-level employment or permit persons already employed in the field to upgrade their skills for advancement. Classroom activities are planned to provide instruction related to the skills needed in the criminal justice field.

Knowledge and skills gained through this program typically prepare for or upgrade the skills of those in positions such as Patrolman, Deputy Sheriff, Watchman/Guard, Corrections Officer, or Parole/Probation Officer. All students in this program must complete a common general education core and a career support core.

The full Criminal Justice Program is available online. Some courses may be offered at Campus locations. Check schedule for offerings.

Program Level Outcomes:

1. Students use critical thinking skills to identify facts and evidence in order to make decisions and apply the law.
2. Students locate and interpret laws applicable to the specific situation.
3. Students effectively document and write reports based on facts and evidence.
4. Students identify effective communication skills and ethical behaviors in a diverse society.

### First Semester

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- [BU 115 - Business Mathematical Applications](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- **or**
- [MT 121 - ~College Mathematics for General Education](#) **3 Credit Hours**
  
- [CJ 101 - Criminal Justice Systems](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- [CS 102 - Computer Literacy](#) **3 Credit Hours** (E)
- [EN 101 - ~English Composition I](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- [SO 200 - ~Introduction to Sociology \(M\)](#) **3 Credit Hours**

**Credit Hours: 15**

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### Second Semester

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- [AH 122 - First Aid](#) **2 Credit Hours** (E)
- [AH 124 - CPR](#) **1 Credit Hours**
- [BU 205 - Communications in Business](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- [CJ 201 - Criminal Procedure](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- [PS 201 - ~American Government and Politics](#) **3 Credit Hours**
- [SP 103 - ~Speech Fundamentals](#) **3 Credit Hours**

**Credit Hours: 15**

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### **Third Semester**

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- [CJ 102 - Introduction to Corrections](#) 3 Credit Hours \*\*  
or
- [CJ 103 - Introduction to Law Enforcement](#) 3 Credit Hours \*
  
- [CJ 202 - Criminal Law](#) 3 Credit Hours
- [CJ 203 - Criminal Evidence](#) 3 Credit Hours
- [CJ 223 - Criminology](#) 3 Credit Hours \* \*\*
- [PS 202 - ~State And Local Government](#) 3 Credit Hours

**Credit Hours: 15**

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### **Fourth Semester**

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- [CJ 216 - Correctional Management](#) 3 Credit Hours \*\*  
or
- [CJ 217 - Juvenile Delinquency](#) 3 Credit Hours \*
  
- [CJ 213 - Criminal Investigation](#) 3 Credit Hours \*  
or
- [CJ 221 - Community Corrections](#) 3 Credit Hours \*\*
  
- [CJ 226 - Abnormal Psychology](#) 3 Credit Hours
- [CJ 250 - Ethics in Criminal Justice](#) 1 TO 3 Credit Hours \* \*\*
- [EN 115 - Technical Writing I](#) 3 Credit Hours

**Credit Hours: 15**

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### **Total Credit Hours: 60**

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~ Designates courses on the statewide Core Coursework Transfer Agreement.

\*Law Enforcement Option - [CJ 103](#), [CJ 213](#), [CJ 217](#), [CJ 223](#), and [CJ 250](#).

\*\*Corrections Option - [CJ 102](#), [CJ 216](#), [CJ 221](#), [CJ 223](#), and [CJ 250](#) .

This degree program provides students the opportunity to receive credit for their high school EDGE courses (<http://careertech.k12.wv.us/edge/edgeCollege.html>) as designated by the (E) within the program sequence.

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