

Criminal Justice Technology

The Criminal Justice Technology curriculum is designed to provide knowledge of criminal justice systems and operations. Study focuses on local, state and federal law enforcement, judicial processes, corrections and security services. The criminal justice system's role within society is explored. Emphasis is on criminal justice systems, criminology, juvenile justice, criminal and constitutional law, investigative principles, ethics, and community relations. Additional study may include issues and concepts of government, counseling, communications, computers/technology, Homeland security, organized crime and forensic science.

Employment opportunities exist in a variety of local, state and federal law enforcement, corrections and security fields. Sample professions include police officer, deputy sheriff, county detention officer, state trooper, intensive probation/parole surveillance officer, correctional officer, crime scene technician and loss prevention specialist. Employment with criminal justice agencies is subject to specific agency criteria; therefore, completion of a degree, alone does not guarantee eligibility for employment, but does help initial starting salary to increase with the degree credential.

If you have any questions or would like further information about our programs, please email criminal.justice@cpcc.edu

For specific information about potential positions and wages in criminal justice employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.

Criminal Justice Technology (A55180)

Degree Awarded

The Associate in Applied Science Degree - Criminal Justice is awarded by the college upon completion of this program. A concentration in Forensics is also available.

Admissions

- A high school diploma or equivalent is required.
- Some courses require placement tests prior to registration.
- Many courses have prerequisites or co-requisites; check the Courses section for details.

Notes

- Students should complete CJC 111 during their first semester
- A minimum grade of "C" in all CJC prefix courses is required for successful completion of the program.
- Students enrolling in WBL 112J must meet the following eligibility requirements:
 1. 2.5 grade point average
 2. 12 semesters hours of credit within the program of study (A55180)
 3. satisfactory completion of the following CJC courses: CJC 111, CJC 112, CJC 113, CJC 131, CJC 212, CJC 221 and CJC 231.
- It is recommended that students meet with the Criminal Justice program chair or faculty advisor prior to the initial registration and for information on program certificates.

Contact Information

The Criminal Justice program is in the Public Safety and Transport Technology Division. For more information, email criminal.justice@cpcc.edu or call the Criminal Justice Program Chair at 704.330.4107.

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Criminal Justice Technology (A55180)

General Education Requirements

ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3.0
Select one of the following:		3.0
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	
MAT 121	Algebra/Trigonometry I	
MAT 143	Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152	Statistical Methods I	
MAT 171	Precalculus Algebra	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3.0
ECO 251	Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO 252	Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIS 111	World Civilizations I	
HIS 112	World Civilizations II	
HIS 131	American History I	
HIS 132	American History II	
POL 120	American Government	
PSY 150	General Psychology	
SOC 210	Introduction to Sociology	
Select 3 credits from the following:		3.0
ART 111	Art Appreciation	
ART 114	Art History Survey I	
ART 115	Art History Survey II	
DRA 111	Theatre Appreciation	
HUM 120	Cultural Studies	
HUM 130	Myth in Human Culture	
MUS 110	Music Appreciation	
MUS 112	Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215	Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240	Introduction to Ethics	
REL 110	World Religions	
Major Requirements		
CJC 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CJC 112	Criminology	3.0
CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	3.0
CJC 221	Investigative Principles	4.0
CJC 231	Constitutional Law	3.0
Other Major Requirements:		
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I	2.0
CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	3.0

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Take 1 of the following courses:	3.0
COM 110 Introduction to Communication	
COM 231 Public Speaking	

Technical Electives

Take 20 credits of the following:	20.0
ASL 111 Elementary ASL I	
ASL 181 ASL Lab 1	
CCT 110 Introduction to Cyber Crime	
CCT 121 Computer Crime Investigation	
CJC 110 Basic Law Enforcement BLET	
CJC 114 Investigative Photography	
CJC 120 Interviews/Interrogations	
CJC 121 Law Enforcement Operations	
CJC 122 Community Policing	
CJC 132 Court Procedure & Evidence	
CJC 141 Corrections	
CJC 151 Introduction to Loss Prevention	
CJC 160 Terrorism: Underlying Issues	
CJC 161 Introduction to Homeland Security	
CJC 162 Intelligence Analysis and Security Management	
CJC 163 Transportation and Border Security	
CJC 170 Critical Incident Management for Public Safety	
CJC 211 Counseling	
CJC 213 Substance Abuse	
CJC 214 Victimology	
CJC 215 Organization & Administration	
CJC 222 Criminalistics	
CJC 223 Organized Crime	
CJC 225 Crisis Intervention	
CJC 232 Civil Liability	
CJC 233 Correctional Law	
CJC 241 Community-Based Corrections	
CJC 264 Policing in the 21st Century	
CJC 255 Issues in Criminal Justice Application	
PED 110 Fit and Well for Life	
PED 117 Weight Training I	
PSY 150 General Psychology	
PSY 231 Forensic Psychology	
PSY 237 Social Psychology	
PSY 281 Abnormal Psychology	
SPA 111 Elementary Spanish I	
SPA 181 Spanish Lab 1	

Total Credits **66**

Criminal Justice Technology - Forensics (A5518C)

General Education Requirements

ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3.0
ENG 114 Professional Research & Reporting	3.0
Select one course from the following:	3.0
ART 111 Art Appreciation	
ART 114 Art History Survey I	
ART 115 Art History Survey II	

DRA 111 Theatre Appreciation	
HUM 120 Cultural Studies	
HUM 130 Myth in Human Culture	
MUS 110 Music Appreciation	
MUS 112 Introduction to Jazz	
PHI 215 Philosophical Issues	
PHI 240 Introduction to Ethics	
REL 110 World Religions	

Select one course from the following: 3.0

ECO 251 Principles of Microeconomics	
ECO 252 Principles of Macroeconomics	
HIS 111 World Civilizations I	
HIS 112 World Civilizations II	
HIS 131 American History I	
HIS 132 American History II	
PSY 150 General Psychology	
POL 120 American Government	
SOC 210 Introduction to Sociology	

Select one course from the following: 3.0

MAT 110 Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	
MAT 121 Algebra/Trigonometry I	
MAT 143 Quantitative Literacy	
MAT 152 Statistical Methods I	
MAT 171 Precalculus Algebra	
COM 110 Introduction to Communication	3.0
or COM 231 Public Speaking	

Major Requirements

CJC 111 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CJC 112 Criminology	3.0
CJC 113 Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJC 131 Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 212 Ethics & Community Relations	3.0
CJC 221 Investigative Principles	4.0
CJC 231 Constitutional Law	3.0
CJC 144 Crime Scene Processing	3.0
CJC 146 Trace Evidence	3.0
CJC 245 Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0
CJC 246 Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0
ACA 122 College Transfer Success	1.0
CIS 110 Introduction to Computers	3.0
WBL 112 Work-Based Learning I	2.0

Select 7 credits from the following: 7.0

CCT 110 Introduction to Cyber Crime	
CCT 121 Computer Crime Investigation	
CJC 110 Basic Law Enforcement BLET	
CJC 114 Investigative Photography	
CJC 120 Interviews/Interrogations	
CJC 121 Law Enforcement Operations	
CJC 122 Community Policing	
CJC 132 Court Procedure & Evidence	
CJC 141 Corrections	
CJC 151 Introduction to Loss Prevention	

CJC 160	Terrorism: Underlying Issues
CJC 161	Introduction to Homeland Security
CJC 162	Intelligence Analysis and Security Management
CJC 163	Transportation and Border Security
CJC 170	Critical Incident Management for Public Safety
CJC 211	Counseling
CJC 213	Substance Abuse
CJC 214	Victimology
CJC 215	Organization & Administration
CJC 222	Criminalistics
CJC 223	Organized Crime
CJC 225	Crisis Intervention
CJC 232	Civil Liability
CJC 233	Correctional Law
CJC 241	Community-Based Corrections
CJC 255	Issues in Criminal Justice Application
CJC 264	Policing in the 21st Century
PSY 150	General Psychology
PSY 231	Forensic Psychology
PSY 237	Social Psychology
PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology
ASL 111 & ASL 181	Elementary ASL I and ASL Lab 1
SPA 111 & SPA 181	Elementary Spanish I and Spanish Lab 1

Total Credits**65**

No diplomas are offered in Criminal Justice Technology.

Criminal Justice Certificates (C55180)

In addition to the Criminal Justice Technology degree (A55180), students can earn the following certificates. For more information, email criminal.justice@cpcc.edu.

- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Essentials of the Criminal Justice System (C55180-C3) (p. 3)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Essential Police Operations (C55180-C4) (p. 3)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Courts and the Law (C55180-C5) (p. 3)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Corrections (C55180-C6) (p. 3)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Criminal Justice and Special Populations (C55180-C7) (p. 3)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Basics of Criminal Justice (C55180-C9) (p. 4)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Homeland Security (C55180-10) (p. 4)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Crime Causation (C55180-11) (p. 4)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Detention Specialist (C55180-14) (p. 4)
- Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Forensics (C55180-C1) (p. 2)

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Essentials of the Criminal Justice System (C55180-C3)

Major Requirements

CJC 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 121	Law Enforcement Operations	3.0
CJC 141	Corrections	3.0

Total Credits**12**

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Essential Police Operations (C55180-C4)

Major Requirements

CJC 121	Law Enforcement Operations	3.0
CJC 122	Community Policing	3.0
CJC 221	Investigative Principles	4.0
CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	3.0

Total Credits**13**

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Courts and the Law (C55180-C5)

Major Requirements

CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 132	Court Procedure & Evidence	3.0
CJC 231	Constitutional Law	3.0
CJC 232	Civil Liability	3.0

Total Credits**12**

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Corrections (C55180-C6)

Major Requirements

CJC 141	Corrections	3.0
CJC 233	Correctional Law	3.0
CJC 241	Community-Based Corrections	3.0
CJC 213	Substance Abuse	3.0

Total Credits**12**

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Criminal Justice and Special Populations (C55180-C7)

Major Requirements

CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJC 213	Substance Abuse	3.0
CJC 214	Victimology	3.0

CJC 223	Organized Crime	3.0
Total Credits		12

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Basics of Criminal Justice (C55180-C9)

This certificate is also available to high school students dually enrolled in Career and College Promise.

Major Requirements

CJC 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 231	Constitutional Law	3.0
Total Credits		12

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Homeland Security (C55180-10)

Major Requirements

CJC 160	Terrorism: Underlying Issues	3.0
CJC 161	Introduction to Homeland Security	3.0
CJC 162	Intelligence Analysis and Security Management	3.0
CJC 163	Transportation and Border Security	3.0
Total Credits		12

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate with a Specialization in Crime Causation (C55180-11)

Major Requirements

CJC 112	Criminology	3.0
CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
CJC 211	Counseling	3.0
CJC 214	Victimology	3.0
Total Credits		12

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate Specialization in Detention Specialist (C55180-14)

Major Requirements

CJC 141	Corrections	3.0
CJC 211	Counseling	3.0
PSY 150	General Psychology	3.0
CJC 213	Substance Abuse	3.0
PSY 281	Abnormal Psychology	3.0
SEL 293	Selected Topics in _____	3.0
Total Credits		18

Criminal Justice Technology Certificate Specialization in Forensics (C5518C-C1)

CJC 144	Crime Scene Processing	3.0
CJC 146	Trace Evidence	3.0
CJC 245	Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0

CJC 246	Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0
Total Credits		12

Criminal Justice Technology Suggested Course Sequence

The following is the suggested plan for when to take each course to complete the Associate in Applied Science degree, based on the program requirements of the 2024-2025 catalog. This is only a recommendation — you may take courses in another order upon consultation with your advisor. This plan is based on you starting with college-level math and English courses, starting your program in the fall, and attending full-time. You can also follow this sequence if you attend part-time. Speak with an advisor about the plan and any questions. This program might also offer diplomas or certificates; visit the catalog or contact the program for details.

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Criminal Justice Technology (A55180)

Term I		Credits
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
CJC 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
Behavioral/Social Science		3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
Credits		16

Term II		Credits
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3.0
CJC 112	Criminology	3.0
CJC 231	Constitutional Law	3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
MAT 110 or MAT 152	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy or Statistical Methods I	3.0
You may have completed program certificate C55180-11. Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.		
Credits		15

Term III		Credits
Technical Elective		3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
You may have completed a program certificate(s). Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.		
Credits		6

Term IV		Credits
Humanities/Fine Arts		3.0
CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
COM 110 or COM 231	Introduction to Communication or Public Speaking	3.0
You may have completed a program certificate(s). Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.		
Credits		15

Term V		Credits
CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	3.0
CJC 221	Investigative Principles	4.0
Technical Elective		3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I	2.0
Credits		15
Total Credits		67

Criminal Justice Technology - Forensics (A5518C)

Term I		Credits
ACA 122	College Transfer Success	1.0
CJC 111	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
ENG 111	Writing and Inquiry	3.0
CJC 113	Juvenile Justice	3.0
Behavioral/Social Science		3.0
CJC 144	Crime Scene Processing	3.0
Credits		16
Term II		
ENG 114	Professional Research & Reporting	3.0
CJC 112	Criminology	3.0
CJC 231	Constitutional Law	3.0
MAT 110	Mathematical Measurement and Literacy	3.0
or MAT 121	or Algebra/Trigonometry I	
or MAT 143	or Quantitative Literacy	
or MAT 152	or Statistical Methods I	
or MAT 171	or Precalculus Algebra	
CJC 146	Trace Evidence	3.0
Credits		15
Term III		
Technical Elective		2.0-3.0
Technical Elective		2.0-3.0
You may have completed a program certificate(s). Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.		
Credits		4-6
Term IV		
Humanities/Fine Arts		3.0
CJC 131	Criminal Law	3.0
CJC 212	Ethics & Community Relations	3.0
CJC 245	Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0
COM 110	Introduction to Communication	3.0
or COM 231	or Public Speaking	
You may have completed a program certificate(s). Confirm eligibility with your academic advisor.		
Credits		15
Term V		
CJC 221	Investigative Principles	4.0
CIS 110	Introduction to Computers	3.0
Technical Elective		3.0
CJC 246	Advanced Friction Ridge Analysis	3.0
WBL 112	Work-Based Learning I	2.0
Credits		15
Total Credits		65-67