Welcome

Welcome to the growing and exciting Criminal Justice program at Ivy Tech. We are dedicated to preparing students for entry-level positions in the field of criminal justice and providing an educational foundation for transfer to four-year institutions. Students have the option of pursuing concentrations in law enforcement, youth services, corrections, and criminal justice. The department offers on-campus, hybrid, and Internet courses to maximize class availability.

Criminal Justice is an expanding field of opportunity, and our highly qualified and dedicated faculty, coupled with our state of the art facility, creates an excellent atmosphere for students to prepare to enter this dynamic field.

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Criminal Justice Curriculum and Course Descriptions

Curriculum for Criminal Justice varies based on the degree or certificate and is subject to change.

Visit us online at ivytech.edu/bloomington to find recommended course curriculum and course descriptions.

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Overview

If you are looking for an opportunity for public service in a challenging job that involves personal responsibility, you may find success in the criminal justice field. Knowledge of sociology, psychology, government and law is helpful in preparing for this career.

The Criminal Justice program provides education for the entry-level professional and for those currently employed in the field. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be knowledgeable professionals that are prepared for employment in law enforcement, adult and juvenile correctional facilities, community correctional programs, juvenile agencies, and other human service organizations.

The philosophy of the Ivy Tech Criminal Justice program is to complement theoretical applications with the practical and realistic day-to-day workings of complex criminal justice agencies. To this end, our instructors bring experience from the fields of corrections, law enforcement, probation, criminal defense, criminal prosecution, and the courts.

Criminal Justice Degrees

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE (AAS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Applied Science degree programs prepare students for careers, career changes and career advancement. The program content, which is approximately 30 percent general education, provides depth and breadth in conceptual and professional/technical skills. Professional/technical courses equip students with the skills to obtain employment and to advance in the workforce.

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE (AS) DEGREE

Two-year Associate of Science programs typically contain 40 percent or more general education, with the balance in technical and profession courses. The coursework provides students with a foundation for transfer to a related baccalaureate program at a four-year institution, and equips students with skills for the job market.

Concentrations

Corrections
Law Enforcement
Youth Services

Careers in Criminal Justice

• Corrections officer
• Law enforcement officer

Transfer Opportunities

Articulated transfer through an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice is available with Indiana State University and Indiana University.

Students are encouraged to review these transfer options with their advisors, to consult the current catalog of the institution to which they wish to transfer, and to contact the institution to which they wish to transfer.

Concentrations

Corrections
Vigorous law enforcement and stringent sentencing rules have increased the number of people being held for trial or imprisoned for their crimes in the last decade. Corrections officers monitor people being detained for trial and those who have been imprisoned.

Law Enforcement
Law enforcement officials provide assistance, respond to emergency calls, investigate crime scenes, and testify in court. This concentration places emphasis on developing the skills needed to be a police officer, including law, community relations, procedural law and criminal investigations.

Youth Services
This concentration will prepare you to work with youth offenders and their families as they navigate the judicial and correctional system. Youth services professionals strive to prevent youth offenders from committing future crimes by helping the youth and the families discover the causes of illegal behavior.