

### East Central College

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## THE CAREER

The Oxford University Press defines criminal justice as the "system of law enforcement that is directly involved in apprehending, prosecuting, defending, sentencing and punishing those who are suspected or convicted of criminal offenses." Careers follow the three main branches of this field: police, courts and corrections.

They include law enforcement, forensic science, law, private security and social work. ECC students who complete their associate degree in criminal justice are prepared to enter an undergraduate major leading to training in these areas.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

More specifically, criminal justice positions include:

- ✓ Attorney
- ✓ Bailiff
- ✓ Conservation Officer, Game Warden or Park Ranger
- ✓ Correctional Counselor
- ✓ Court Clerk
- ✓ Criminal Justice Educator
- ✓ Detective or Private Investigator
- ✓ Federal Agent or Inspector
- ✓ Forensic Scientist or Technician
- ✓ Judge, Mediator or Hearing Officer
- ✓ Juvenile Probation or Correctional Officer
- ✓ Legal Assistant or Researcher
- ✓ Police Officer or Sheriff
- ✓ Social Worker

## PROFESSIONAL TRAITS

Those pursuing a career in criminal justice should:

- Have a high standard of ethics
- Be concerned about the public's safety and well-being
- Be emotionally stable enough to cope with suffering, crime, emergencies and other on-the-job stressors
- Have superior communication, problem-solving and analytical skills

## THE PROGRAM

Students at East Central College who express an interest in a criminal justice profession have several course options and electives available. Assuming appropriate placement scores, it is a two-year transfer degree, with flexibility to customize the program to the student's chosen career.

Criminal justice consists of the 42-credit hour general education core plus the necessary electives in constitutional law, corrections, criminal law and procedure, sociology and psychology. The academic program's strong social science emphasis readies students to complete a bachelor's degree in pre-law, criminal justice, social work, human services or a related field. In addition, ECC provides various student activities, organizations and practicum experiences related to the discipline.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

East Central College requires each transfer student complete a 42 hour general education block. General education at ECC is organized around the institution's common learning objectives and coursework. A student is required to demonstrate skills in each of the following three areas:

- **Communicating:** Improve written and oral communication skills; adapt and apply communication to academic and professional purposes, audiences and contexts; demonstrate the use of technology to analyze and communicate information; and use active listening and reading skills.
- **Creative/Critical Thinking:** Improve the application of relevant knowledge and theory to new ideas, positions or solutions; assess and analyze concepts and data; formulate meaningful questions; and interpret and evaluate evidence and arguments.
- **Ethics and Social Responsibility:** Develop cross cultural awareness and an understanding of global interconnectedness; apply multiple worldviews, analyze ethical choices and consequences; and understand the core values and accountability of citizenship in a democratic society.

## ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS

Students must have completed:

- ✓ High school diploma or the equivalent (documentation must be sent to the registration office)
- ✓ Application for admission
- ✓ A placement test as specified by the college (some coursework requires minimum placement results)

## TRANSFER OPTIONS

Many of the credits, particularly the general education electives earned with this degree, are accepted as transfer credits by four-year colleges and/or universities. Please note that transferring credit is decided by the bachelor degree-granting institution. Students seeking to transfer should communicate often with their faculty advisors and the East Central College transfer advisor. They should also make early contact with the four-year institution of their choice regarding the transferability of ECC credits and coursework.

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## ASSOCIATE OF ARTS

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

AA program (60 credit hours)

This program of study is for a full-time student; part-time study is also available. Please contact an academic advisor for full course options. All academic schedules are subject to change. For the most current schedule visit [www.eastcentral.edu](http://www.eastcentral.edu).

## YEAR 1

### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
FS 1000 Campus Orientation/ FS 1001 Foundation Seminar	1
EN 1223 English Comp I or EN 1233 Honors English Comp I	3
COM 1003 Oral Communications or COM 1103 Public Speaking	3
MT 1403 College Algebra	3
CJ 1013 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Ethics and Valuing Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
EN 1333 English Comp II or EN 1343 Honors English Comp II	3
PY 1103 General Psychology	3
SC 1000 Laboratory Safety for Students	0
Life Science Requirement	3-5
Communication Elective	3
Criminal Justice Requirement*	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15-17</b>

## YEAR 2

### FALL SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
SO 1103 General Sociology	3
HI 1000/ PS 1000 Constitutions Study Module	0
History or Political Science Requirement	3
Criminal Justice Requirement*	3
Psychology or Sociology Elective**	3
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

### SPRING SEMESTER

COURSE	HOURS
Ethics and Social Responsibility Elective	3
Physical Science Elective	3-5
Criminal Justice Requirement*	3
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<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>12-15</b>

### REQUIREMENT & ELECTIVE OPTIONS

#### \*Criminal Justice Requirements

CJ 1023	Criminal Law and Procedures
CJ 1053	Constitution Law
CJ 2013	Introduction to Corrections
CJ 2043	Police Patrol and Services

#### \*\* Psychology and Sociology Electives

PY 1203	Research Methods
PY 2103	Personal & Social Adjustment
PY 2203	Child Psychology
PY 2213	Abnormal Psychology
PY 2303	Social Psychology
PY 2403	Human Development
PY 2503	Adolescent Psychology
SO 1203	American Social Problems**
SO 2103	Human Relations**
SO 2203	Marriage & Family**
SO 2303	Introduction to Social Work**