

AS: Criminal Justice 2021-2022

North Hennepin's Associate of Science degree program in Criminal Justice provides students with a broad analysis of the relationship between law and society as well as a thorough examination of the interrelationships, functions and operations of the different components of the criminal justice system. It is designed to transfer to a four year institution and provide preparation for a variety of entry-level positions in state, county, and municipal law enforcement agencies.

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice is designed to articulate to:

Metropolitan State University B.A. in Criminal Justice degree, Kaplan University B.S. in Criminal

Justice degree Concordia University St. Paul B.A. in Criminal Justice degree

Program Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
HLTH1060	Drugs and Health	3
PHIL1020	Ethics	3
POLS2130	Constitutional Law	3
SOC1710	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOC1720	Police and Community	3
SOC1730	Juvenile Justice	3
SOC2730	Introduction to Corrections	3

Program Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
Program Electives - 5 credits (CIS1101 or CSCI1000, not both):		
CIS1101	Business Computer Systems I <i>or</i>	3
CSCI1000	Computer Basics <i>or</i>	3
ECON1050	Economics of Crime <i>or</i>	3
EXSC1010	Physical Fitness <i>or</i>	2
HLTH1600	Emergency Medical Responder <i>or</i>	3
POLS1140	State and Local Politics <i>or</i>	3
PSYC1165	Psychology of Adjustment <i>or</i>	3
SOC1990	Sociology Special Topics	1

General Education Courses

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
COMM1110	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	3
COMM1310	Intercultural Communication	3
ENGL1202	College Writing II	2
PSYC1150	General Psychology	3
SOC1110	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC1130	Social Problems/Deviance	3
SOC1750	Families in Crisis	3
SOC2210	Social Inequality	3

College Writing I: (minimum grade 1.67)

ENGL1200	Gateway College Writing (minimum grade 1.67) <i>or</i>	4
ENGL1201	College Writing I (minimum grade 1.67)	4

MnTC Electives

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
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Natural Sciences or Mathematics/Logical Reasoning (Goal Area 3 or 4) - 4 credits

The Humanities and Fine Arts (Goal Area 6) - 3 credits

NHCC Residency and GPA

Course No.	Course Title	Credits
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15 Credits must be earned at NHCC:
2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses

Total Credit Required 60

Degree Requirements

2.00 overall GPA for NHCC courses

Notes

A cooperative agreement between North Hennepin Community College and Metropolitan State University exists for students earning the A.S. degree in Criminal Justice who intend to transfer to Metropolitan State to pursue their B.A. degree in Criminal Justice.

Program Outcomes

Develop a foundation of essential knowledge about the cultural, social, and natural worlds, including:

- Demonstrating knowledge of history, current issues, concepts, organization, philosophies and theories in the field of criminal justice.
- Demonstrating an understanding of local ordinances, State Statutes and Federal Law, the purpose and function of police, courts, and corrections.
- Demonstrating an understanding of the judicial review process, political, cultural and social forces which impact the police, courts, corrections, suspects, victims, and other parties involved in the criminal justice system.

Develop intellectual and practical skills, including:

- Communicating appropriately and effectively in work situations.
- Obtaining and refining the necessary skills in interpersonal communication, mathematics, basic crime statistics, as the skills are related to public contact and employment in the criminal justice system.
- Utilizing the intellectual and practical skills necessary to represent a private or public agency in a professional manner developing the writing and public speaking skills necessary to communicate in small and large groups to prepare employment and further education.

Demonstrate personal and social responsibility, including:

- Identifying career opportunities in criminal justice and the skills and attributes that employers are seeking and creating an understanding that employers often require continued higher education, citizenship, and service to others for initial placement and promotion.
- Comparing and contrasting traditional, developing and future trends and ideas in criminal justice.
- Developing a basic understanding of race, sex, color, religion, age, national origin, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, sexual orientation, gender identification, and social class as related to criminal justice issues. This basic understanding should lead to tolerance, valuing differences, and leading to the acceptance of others.

Demonstrate integrative and applied learning, including:

- Articulating the history and application of Criminal Justice with respect to Law Enforcement, as well as its relationship to the other social sciences.
- Analyzing complex material, including constitutional law, State and Federal court rulings and having the ability to read and understand basic criminal justice related and court documents.
- Applying concepts used in the Criminal Justice profession.

Upon completion of the program the student will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program.

Degree Information

The Associate of Science (A.S.) degree is intended for students whose primary goal is to complete the credentials for a specific career and/or prepare for transfer to complete a bachelor's degree at a college or university with whom North Hennepin Community College has an articulation agreement. The A.S. degree provides a balance of general education courses and the required scientific, professional or technical courses in the degree program.

A student shall:

Earn a minimum of 60 semester credits as required in the program, with a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or above in courses taken at North Hennepin Community College. Specific programs may have additional requirements or a higher minimum grade point average.

Earn a minimum of 15 semester credits at North Hennepin Community College. A student must complete at least 50% of career specific courses at North Hennepin Community College.

Earn 30 credits in at least 6 Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) goal areas. Earn 30 professional/technical credits.

Have four years to complete the graduation requirements as published in the catalog in effect at the time of their initial enrollment. Students taking more than four years to complete their graduation requirements may follow any catalog published during the four-year period preceding their graduation.

Completion of an A.S. degree fulfills the Goal Area 2 requirement of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC).

Developmental Courses

Some students may need preparatory course(s) in Math and/or English. Courses numbered below 1000 will not apply toward a degree.

Equal Opportunity Employer and Disability Access Information

North Hennepin Community College is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system and an equal opportunity employer and educator. This document is available in alternative formats to individuals with disabilities by calling 763-493-0555 or through the Minnesota Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529.

Transfer Information

If you are planning on transferring to another institution, follow the guidelines available on our transfer resources web page to help you plan the process: [Transfer Information](#)

Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available on the iSeek and Bureau of Labor Statistics websites: <https://careerwise.minnstate.edu/careers/> and www.bls.gov.

Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the: Higher Learning Commission 30 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60602-2504 1-800-621-7440