

# Criminal Justice AS

The Criminal Justice AS degree program is designed for students who want to begin careers as police officers, sheriff’s deputies, security personnel in private business or government, or correctional officers.

## Criminal Justice Curriculum

### Curriculum

Program Courses				
Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	
<a href="#">HLTH 1060</a>	Drugs and Health	<a href="#">View-HLTH 1060</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">PHIL 1020</a>	Ethics	<a href="#">View-PHIL 1020</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">POLS 2130</a>	Constitutional Law	<a href="#">View-POLS 2130</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">SOC 1710</a>	Introduction to Criminal Justice	<a href="#">View-SOC 1710</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">SOC 1720</a>	Police and Community	<a href="#">View-SOC 1720</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">SOC 1730</a>	Juvenile Justice	<a href="#">View-SOC 1730</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">SOC 2730</a>	Introduction to Corrections	<a href="#">View-SOC 2730</a>	n/a	

# Program Electives

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas
Program Electives - 5 credits (CIS1101 CSCI1000, not both)			
<b>CIS 1101</b>	Business Computer Systems I <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-CIS 1101</a>	n/a
<b>CSCI 1000</b>	Computer Basics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-CSCI 1000</a>	n/a
<b>ECON 1050</b>	Economics of Crime <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-ECON 1050</a>	n/a
<b>EXSC 1010</b>	Physical Fitness <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-EXSC 1010</a>	n/a
<b>HLTH 1600</b>	Emergency Medical Responder <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-HLTH 1600</a>	n/a
<b>POLS 1140</b>	State and Local Politics <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-POLS 1140</a>	n/a
<b>PSYC 1165</b>	Psychology of Adjustment <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-PSYC 1165</a>	n/a
<b>SOC 1990</b>	Sociology Special Topics	<a href="#">View-SOC 1990</a>	n/a

## General Education Courses

Course Code	Title	Course Outlines	Goal Areas	
<a href="#">COMM 1110</a>	Principles of Interpersonal Communication	<a href="#">View-COMM 1110</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">COMM 1310</a>	Intercultural Communication	<a href="#">View-COMM 1310</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">PSYC 1150</a>	General Psychology	<a href="#">View-PSYC 1150</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">SOC 1110</a>	Introduction to Sociology	<a href="#">View-SOC 1110</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">SOC 1130</a>	Social Problems/Deviance	<a href="#">View-SOC 1130</a>	n/a	
<a href="#">SOC 1750</a>	Families in Crisis	<a href="#">View-SOC 1750</a>	n/a	3
<a href="#">SOC 2210</a>	Social Inequality	<a href="#">View-SOC 2210</a>	n/a	3
College Writing I				
<a href="#">ENGL 1200</a>	Gateway College Writing <b>or</b>	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1200</a>	n/a	4
<a href="#">ENGL 1201</a>	College Writing I	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1201</a>	n/a	4
<a href="#">ENGL 1202</a>	College Writing II	<a href="#">View-ENGL 1202</a>	n/a	2

## MnTC Electives

[Natural Sciences Mathematics/Logical Reasoning \(Goal Area 3 4\) - 4 credits](#)

[The Humanities Fine Arts \(Goal Area 6\) - 3 credits](#)

## NHCC Residency and GPA

15 Credits must be earned at NHCC

<b>Total Credits Required</b>	<b>60</b>
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## **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.

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## **Program Overview**

### **2022-2023**

North Hennepin 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.

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## **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.

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## Program Maps

Program roadmaps provide students with a guide to understand the recommended course sequence to complete their degree.

- [Criminal Justice AS Program Roadmap Full Time](#)
  - [Criminal Justice AS Program Roadmap Part Time](#)
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## Career Opportunities

Information on careers, including salary and employment outlook data, is available at Minnesota State and the Bureau of Labor Statistics websites:

[careerwise.minnstate.edu](http://careerwise.minnstate.edu) and [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).

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## 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](#)

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## 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.

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## Accreditation

North Hennepin Community College is accredited by the:  
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