

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The Administration of Justice Department strives to provide our students with the legal, ethical and educational background necessary to pursue a career in a criminal justice-related field and to successfully transition into a 4-year academic program.

The Administration of Justice discipline involves the study of the theory and practice of law, law enforcement, the courts, and corrections systems. Law enforcement specializes in police activities including effective investigation and patrol services to the public. The courts specialize in responsibilities to the public through the trial system. The corrections systems specialize in the punishment and incarceration process as well as rehabilitation of the offender. Private security services explore private protection through private agencies.

Administration of Justice offers a wide range of career opportunities. Students interested in careers as peace officers should refer to the Department of Police Science in this catalog. Students planning to transfer to a four-year institution and major in Administration of Justice should consult with a counselor regarding the transfer process and lower division requirements. The Administration of Justice courses listed may not be offered every semester due to instructor availability. Please refer to the college semester class schedule offerings.

Any felony or domestic violence conviction, or any significant prior or current drug use will disqualify most people seeking jobs in law enforcement, corrections, probation/parole, or forensics.

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- Administration of Justice Associate in Science for Transfer Degree (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/administration-justice/administration-justice-aat-degree/>)
 - Administration of Justice Associate of Arts Degree (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/administration-justice/administration-justice-aa-degree/>)
 - Administration of Justice Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.valleycollege.edu/degree-certificate-program-index/administration-justice/administration-justice-certificate-achievement/>)

ADJUS 101 3 Units

Introduction to Administration of Justice

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is an introduction to the philosophy and history of the criminal justice system including the roles and functions of the local, state, and federal jurisdictions. Additional discussion topics will include the roles, functions and interrelationships among law enforcement agencies, courts and corrections as well as crime causation, correctional theory, analysis, and the social impact of crime.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to both UC/CSU

C-ID: AJ 110

ADJUS 102 3 Units

Principles and Procedures of the Justice System

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course provides an examination and analysis of due process in criminal proceedings, from pre-arrest through trial and appeal, utilizing statutory, state and constitutional precedents.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

C-ID: AJ 122

ADJUS 103 3 Units

Concepts of Criminal Law

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is an introduction to common law, legal concepts, codes and their history, and the philosophy and development of U.S. criminal law.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to both UC/CSU

C-ID: AJ 120

ADJUS 104 3 Units

Legal Aspects of Evidence

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course examines the origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional basis of the use of evidence. It also incorporates constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure, types of evidence, and rules governing admissibility, judicial decisions, and interpretation of individual rights. Case studies will also be covered in this class.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

C-ID: AJ 124

ADJUS 105 3 Units

Community Relations

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course examines the complex and dynamic relationship between communities and the justice system in addressing crime and conflict with an emphasis on the challenges of administering justice within a diverse multicultural population. Topics include the consensus and conflicting values in culture, religion, and the law.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to both UC/CSU

C-ID: AJ 160

ADJUS 106 3 Units

Principles of Investigation

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course covers the principles of various types of investigations utilized in the criminal justice system, including concepts of investigation, and the analysis, evaluation, preservation and documentation of evidence. The course will also include dealing with the public, techniques for handling crime scenes, interviews, evidence, surveillance, follow-up, technical resources, and case preparation.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

C-ID: AJ 140

ADJUS 107 3 Units

Concepts of Enforcement Services

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course examines the theories, philosophies, and concepts related to the role expectations of line enforcement officers. The emphasis is focused on patrol, traffic and public service responsibilities and their relationships to the administration of justice.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

ADJUS 108 3 Units

Juvenile Procedures

Lecture: 54 contact hours

Advisory: READ 015 or eligibility for READ 100 as determined by the SBVC assessment process.

This course is an examination of the origin, development, and organization of the Juvenile Justice System as it evolved in the American Justice System. The course explores the theories that focuses on juvenile law, courts and processes, and the constitutional protections extended to juveniles administered by the American Justice System.

Associate Degree Applicable

Transfers to CSU only

C-ID: AJ 220