

## Official Program Outline



**HERZING**  
— UNIVERSITY —

### Associate of Science/Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

#### Program Description

The Associate of Science in Criminal Justice program provides students with a solid foundation in the principles, practices, and ethics, and provides an introduction to the role of criminology in the modern criminal justice system. Designed for those seeking entry-level positions or a pathway to advanced study, this degree introduces key areas such as criminal law, policing, corrections, public safety, and the courts, while emphasizing the role of technology in modern justice systems. Students will gain insight into how artificial intelligence (AI) is increasingly used in the profession, including applications in predictive policing, digital evidence analysis, and automated reporting systems. By understanding these tools and their ethical implications, graduates will be prepared to work effectively in a field that is rapidly evolving through technological innovation.

(Some states, including but not limited to Minnesota, require additional certification, licensing, and/or training academy completion to be eligible for employment in a law enforcement capacity.)

#### Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, the student should be able to:

1. Explain the structure, roles, and functions of public safety, law enforcement, courts, and corrections within the U.S. criminal justice system.
2. Apply foundational principles of criminal law and ethics to evaluate justice-related scenarios.
3. Describe emerging technologies, including AI applications, and their impact on criminal justice practices.
4. Communicate effectively in written and oral formats to convey information to diverse audiences in justice settings.
5. Propose evidence-based solutions for prevention and intervention based on predictive policing.
6. Identify ethical and legal considerations related to policing, investigations, and corrections.

#### Program Content

A minimum of 60.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

#### Required Courses

All courses, 28.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
BH 200 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	None	3.00
CJ 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice	None	3.00
CJ 115 Criminal Law	None	3.00
CJ 150 Ethics in Criminal Justice	None	4.00
CJ 160 Law Enforcement Foundations	None	3.00
CJ 200 Introduction to Corrections	None	3.00
CJ 225 Predictive Policing and Crime Technology	CJ 150	3.00
CJ 250 Juvenile Justice	None	3.00
CJ 260 Introduction to Criminology and Victimology	None	3.00

#### Open Elective Courses

A minimum of 6.00 semester credit hours is required.

### Required Courses in General Education

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 24.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines. Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for specific information about courses within each discipline. Courses transferred from other accredited colleges may also be used to meet these requirements.

- EN 104 English Composition I, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- EN 111 Information Literacy, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- EN 116 Speech, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- HU 140 Cultural Diversity, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- HU 240 Introduction to Humanities, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- MA 109 College Algebra, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- SC 270 Environmental Literacy, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00
- PS 101 Psychology, Semester Credit Hours: 3.00

### Personal and Professional Development Courses

All courses, 2.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number and Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
PD 121 Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202 Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course					
Course	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Internship Hours	Total Contact Hours	Credits
BH 200	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 105	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 115	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 150	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	4.00
CJ 160	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 200	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 225	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 250	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
CJ 260	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
PD 121	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	1.00
PD 202	15.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	1.00
Electives	90.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	6.00
Gen Ed - Communications	135.00	0.00	0.00	135.00	9.00
Gen Ed – Humanities	90.00	0.00	0.00	90.00	6.00
Gen Ed – Mathematics	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed - Science	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
Gen Ed – Social and Behavioral Sciences	45.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	3.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>900.00</b>	<b>60.00</b>

### New Courses

<b>CJ 150 Ethics in Criminal Justice</b>	This course explores how ethical principles shape decision-making across policing, courts, societal issues, and corrections. Students will apply major ethical frameworks and critical reasoning skills to analyze real-world moral dilemmas, professional standards, and organizational norms within the field. The course examines the factors that influence ethical behavior, including culture, power, and systemic pressures, as
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	well as the ethical challenges posed by emerging technologies, AI, and data use.
<b>CJ 160 Law Enforcement Foundations</b>	This course provides an overview of the modern law enforcement profession, exploring its structure, purpose, and historical development. Students will learn core patrol strategies, evidence-handling procedures, and fundamental case preparation techniques. Emphasis is placed on community engagement, ethical decision-making, and legal standards surrounding use of force. The course also addresses officer wellness by examining practical strategies for self-care and burnout prevention.
<b>CJ 225 Predictive Policing and Crime Technology</b>	This course introduces students to the foundational concepts, tools, and models used to forecast criminal activity and inform public safety strategies. The course examines major predictive models, their practical applications, and their limitations, while analyzing the ethical challenges posed by algorithmic bias, surveillance, and data-driven decision-making. Students will apply current technologies to real-world scenarios and evaluate their use within legal, regulatory, and constitutional boundaries. The course also investigates research methodologies, data sources, and emerging innovations to prepare students for the future of technology-driven policing.
<b>CJ 260 Introduction to Criminology and Victimology</b>	This course examines the causes of criminal behavior and victimization through classical and contemporary theories. Students will explore risk factors across diverse populations, motivations behind crime, and the psychological and social processes influencing offending. The course also addresses stages of victimization, justice system interactions, and strategies for recovery and rehabilitation. Emphasis is placed on applying criminological and victimological theories to real-world criminal justice scenarios.

#### Updated Course Descriptions

<b>CJ 105 Introduction to Criminal Justice</b>	This foundational course introduces students to the American criminal justice system and the interconnected roles of law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. Students explore the justice process, and how agencies balance public safety, individual rights, and ethical responsibilities. By the end of the course, students gain a clear understanding of how the justice system operates, the emerging technologies and societal and psychological factors that shape crime and responses to it.
<b>CJ 115 Criminal Law</b>	This course introduces the foundations of criminal law, including its constitutional principles and the structure of criminal statutes. Students will learn to classify offenses, apply due process protections, and analyze legal defenses using statutes and case law. The course also covers key stages of criminal procedure and examines ethical and constitutional issues in sentencing and post-conviction practices.
<b>CJ 200 Introduction to Corrections</b>	This course explores the foundations and practices of the correctional system within criminal justice. Students will examine correctional philosophies, sentencing options, and offender classification, as well as operations and programs in correctional facilities. The course also covers probation, parole, community-based supervision, rehabilitation, reintegration strategies, and key policy issues shaping modern corrections.
<b>CJ 250 Juvenile Justice</b>	This course explores the juvenile justice system, focusing on the unique developmental, social, and legal factors that shape youth behavior and system responses. Students examine major theories that explain juvenile delinquency, compare the juvenile and adult justice processes, and analyze how social, environmental, and systemic influences contribute to youth vulnerability and exploitation. By the end of the course, students gain a multifaceted understanding of juvenile justice and vulnerabilities.