

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AALT)

Locations: Gonzales, St. Charles, Online

The Criminal Justice concentration of the Louisiana Transfer Associate of Arts Degree is a 60-credit hour program designed for students who are planning to transfer to a four-year college/university and major in criminal justice. It is also for students who may not be planning to transfer to a four-year institution but who wish to find employment in a criminal justice-related field, or gain a broad analytical and cultural understanding of the human experience. All courses applied to the degree must be passed with a 'C' or better. Developmental courses will not be applied to the degree.

Students who plan to transfer should consult with an RPCC Advisor, as well as an advisor from the college/university they plan to transfer to, to assure transferability of credit. Completion of the AALT degree guarantees that the student has met, in full, all lower division general education requirements at four-year Louisiana public university. Graduates transferring with the transfer degree will have junior status. Courses or GPA requirements for specific majors, departments, or schools are not automatically satisfied by an AALT degree.

Curriculum

Program of Study - Suggested Sequence of Courses

Course	Title	Hours
First Semester		
ENGL 1013	English Composition I (General Education, English Composition) ¹	3
MATH 1313	Finite Mathematics (General Education, Mathematics/Analytics Reasoning) ^{1, 2}	3
CRJU 1013	Intro to Criminal Justice (General Education, Social Science)	3
General Education, Humanities - Select one of the following:		3
SPCH 1013	Fundamentals of Speech	
SPCH 2013	Techniques of Speech	
General Education, Social Science - POLI 2013		3
Hours		15
Second Semester		
ENGL 1023	English Composition II (General Education, English Composition)	3
General Education, Natural Science - first of a two-course sequence - select either a Life Science or a Physical Science course sequence:		3
Life Science: BIOL		
Physical Science: CHEM, PHSC, or PHYS		
General Education, Humanities - choose one History (HIST) course		3
CRJU 2613	The American Judicial Process	3
General Education, Mathematics/Analytics Reasoning - MATH 2303		3
Hours		15
Third Semester		
General Education, Humanities – select any HIST; PHIL 1013 or PHIL 2013; RELS 2213; any SPAN (except SPAN 1003); any SPCH; or any 2000-level ENGL (English Literature)		3
General Education, Natural Science - second course for a two-course sequence:		3
Life Science: BIOL		
Physical Science: CHEM, PHSC, or PHYS		
General Education, Fine Arts – select any ARTS, MUSC, or THTR		3
CRJU 2313	Contemporary Law Enforcement	3
CRJU 2013	The Corrections Process	3
Hours		15

Fourth Semester		
General Education, Social Science - SOCL 2013		3
General Education, Humanities – select one English Literature course (2000-level ENGL) ^{2 3}		3
General Education, Natural Science – select a course in the opposite Natural Science area chosen for the two-course sequence:		3
Life Science: Any BIOL		
Physical Science: Any CHEM, ENVS, GEOL, PHSC, or PHYS		
CRJU 2213	Criminal Law	3
Choose 3 hours from various humanities courses: ⁴		3
HIST, SPAN, PHIL 1013, PHIL 2013, RELS 2213, any 2000-level ENGL (English Literature)		
Hours		15
Total Hours		60

- ¹ Students required to take both ENGL and MATH co-requisite courses: please speak with your Student Success Coach about adjusting your sequence of courses for this program.
- ² MATH 1313 is recommended. Students may also choose either MATH 1213 College Algebra or MATH 1203 Applied Algebra.
- ³ Students planning to transfer to Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) and major in Criminal Justice should take ENGL 2203 World Literature I, ENGL 2213 World Literature II, ENGL 2223 Major World Writers, ENGL 2103 British Literature I, ENGL 2113 British Literature II, ENGL 2123 Major British Writers, ENGL 2153 American Literature I, ENGL 2163 American Literature II, or ENGL 2173 Major American Writers.
- ⁴ Students planning to transfer to Southeastern Louisiana University (SLU) and major in Criminal Justice should take SPAN 1014 Elementary Spanish I.

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

1. Describe the interconnected roles of police, courts, and corrections in the American Judicial Process.
2. Explain basic constitutional legal procedural rights afforded criminally accused citizens of the United States.

Universal Transfer Pathway in Criminal Justice

Students interested in pursuing a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice upon completion of the AALT Criminal Justice concentration at RPCC are encouraged to select the courses listed below for the corresponding Universal Transfer Pathway (<https://www.laregents.edu/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/LA-Transfer-Pathways-Criminal-Justice-.pdf>):

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Courses		
ENGL 1013	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1023	English Composition II	3
MATH 1313	Finite Mathematics	3
MATH 2303	Statistics I	3
Natural Science, seq course 1		3
Natural Science, seq course 2		3
Natural Science, elective in other Natural Science area		3
PSYC 2013	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCL 2013	Introduction to Sociology	3
Any 2000-level ENGL (English Literature)		3
HIST 2013	American History I	3

SPCH 2013	Techniques of Speech	3
Any ARTS, MUSC, or THTR		3
Pathway-Specific Courses		
CRJU 1013	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRJU 2613	The American Judicial Process	3
CRJU 2013	The Corrections Process	3
CRJU 2313	Contemporary Law Enforcement	3
CRJU 2213	Criminal Law	3
POLI 2013	American Government	3
SPAN 1014	Elementary Spanish I (Foreign Language)	4
Total Hours		61

For additional career-related information and resources, visit the RPCC Career Success webpage (<https://www.rpcc.edu/workforce-training/career-success-center/career-success-center/>).