Associate in Science Degree

Criminal Justice Pathway

Meta-Major: Public Safety

Specialization: Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Academy Track



Catalog 2024 – 2025 Catalog is valid for 5 years

Planning Your Degree Pathway

This document outlines the courses needed to complete your Associate in Science (A.S.) degree and prepare you for employment in a specialized career upon degree completion. These courses include general education requirements as well as courses specific to your field. Please connect with your Student Success Coach if you need introductory coursework, have earned college credit, industry certifications, have completed an articulated program at a technical college, or would like to modify when you take certain courses and/or how many courses you take in a term. A Student Success Coach can also provide guidance on how to transition or transfer to a Bachelor's degree program at Valencia or another Florida state college, in case you decide to earn a bachelor's degree in the future.

Additional Degree Requirements

- Introductory Coursework: Admissions requirements and/or placement testing may require completion of preparatory courses.
- Grade Point Average (GPA): Maintain 2.0 or higher for both Overall GPA and Valencia GPA
- Valencia Residency: Complete at Valencia at least 25% of the college-level credits required for the degree.
- Civic Literacy: Must satisfy with POS 2041, AMH 2010 or AMH 2020 (also satisfies Social Science Core) and Florida Civic Literacy Exam or appropriate scores on AP or CLEP exams

Sample Term-by-Term Plan Full Time (12 credits)			See reverse for General Education course options	
Term 1	Credits	←Start Here	Term 2	Credits
ENC 1101 Freshman Composition I +*	3		CCJ 1020 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
SLS 1122 New Student Experience	3		PSY 2012 General Psychology or SYG 2000 Introductory Sociology*	3
MGF 1130 Mathematical Thinking I +*	3		POS 2041 U.S. Government	3
CCJ 1010 Criminology	3		CJC 2000 Introduction to Corrections	3
Term 3	Credits		Term 4	Credits
CJJ 2001 Juvenile Justice Systems	3		Humanities Core	3
CJL 2100 Criminal Law	3		Science Core	3
CJE 2000 Policing Systems and Procedures*	3		CCJ 2358 Criminal Justice Report Writing:	3
			Capstone*	
CCJ 2053 Ethics in Criminal Justice *	3		Term 6	Credits
Term 5	Credits	•	CJE 2600 Criminal Investigation	3
Law Enforcement Academy (770 Hours)			CJL 2102 Criminal Evidence and Procedures	3
After completing the 770 hours, student will take the exam.			CCJ 2930 Selected Topics in Criminal Justice	3
			HSC 1400C First Aid and CPR	3
After passing the Florida Law Enforcement Certification Exam, move to Term 6.			CCJ 2022 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice*	3

Key: * Course has a prerequisite

+ Course requires "C" grade or higher

Δ Courses not offered every term, ask your Coach

Pathway-Specific Information

- This track is for students who know they want to be law enforcement officers or deputy sheriffs in the state of Florida.
- Please note that you will need to meet with your Student Success Coach for an override into CCJ 2358.
- The Law Enforcement Academy is a limited access program, which requires students to meet with the academy Student Success Coach, attend a mandatory information session, meet physical requirements (PAT), and pass CJBAT exam for admissions.
- Due to the order of prerequisite courses you need to take, not all semesters of this plan will qualify you for full time enrollment.

No Program Electives

Financial Aid Notice

Federal Financial Aid will be calculated based on the courses required for your Associate in Science Degree. Work closely with your assigned Coach to verify your degree on record and to develop a customized plan that includes the required classes each term.

☐ Employment Readiness: https://bit.ly/2Z41XBm

Communication (2 courses)	Social Sciences Core (Pick 1)
SLS 1122 – New Student Experience ~	POS 2041 – U.S. Government ~
ENC 1101 – Freshman Composition I*+ ~	AMH 2010 – United States History to 1877 ~
ENC 1102 – Freshman Composition II*+ ~	AMH 2020 – U.S. History 1877 to Present ~
Pick one:	ANT 2000 – Introduction to Anthropology ~
SPC 1608 – Fundamentals of Speech <u>or</u>	ECO 2013 – Principles of Economics – Macro
SPC 1017 – Interpersonal Communication	PSY 2012 – General Psychology ~
	-POS 2041, AMH 2010 or AMH 2020 can satisfy Civic Literacy and Social
	Sciences Core-
Humanities Core (Pick 1)	Social Sciences Institutional
ARH 1000 – Art Appreciation ~	ANT 2410 - Cultural Anthropology*+
HUM 1020 – Introduction to Humanities ~	ASL 2510 – Deaf Culture*+
LIT 1000 – Introduction to Literature	EUH 2000 – Ancient and Medieval Western Civilization*+
MUL 1010 – Music Appreciation*+~	EUH 2001 – Modern Western Civilization*+
PHI 2010 - Philosophy ~	INR 2002 – International Politics*+
THE 1000 – Introduction to Theater ~	POS 2112 – State and Local Government*+
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	SYG 2010 – Social Problems*+
	WOH 2012 – World History to 1500*+
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	WOH 2022 – World History Since 1500*+
Humanities Institutional	Science Core (Pick 1)
HUM 2220 - Humanities - Greek and Roman*+	3 credit hours must come from Science Core.
HUM 2223 – Medieval Humanities *+	AST 1002 – Astronomy ~
HUM 2232 - Humanities Renaissance and Baroque*+	BSC 1005 – Biological Science ~
HUM 2234 – 18 th and 19 th Century Humanities *+	BSC 1005L – Lab in Applied Biology (1 credit)
HUM 2250 – 20 th and 21 st Century Humanities *+	BSC 1005C – Biological Science Combined w/ Lab (4 credits) ~
HUM 2310 - Mythology*+	BSC 1010C – General Biology I (4 credits) ~
HUM 2403 – Middle Eastern Humanities*+	CHM 1020 – Chemistry in Everyday Life ~
HUM 2410 – Asian Humanities*+	CHM 1045C – General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis I * ~(4 credits)
HUM 2454 – African-American Humanities*+	ESC 1000 – Earth Sciences ~
HUM 2461 – Latin American Humanities*+	EVR 1001 – Introduction to Environmental Science ~
REL 2300 – World Religions*+	GLY 2010C - Physical Geology ~
ARC 1701 – History of Architecture I*+	OCE 1001 — Introduction to Oceanography ~
ARH 2051 — Introduction to Art History II*+	PHY 1020 – Conceptual Physics ~
MUT 1111 – Music Theory I~	PHY 2048C – General Physics with Calculus I +*~(4 credits)
PHI 2600 – Ethics and Critical Thinking*+	PHY 2053C – College Physics I with Algebra +*~(4 credits)
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Math Core (Pick 1)	Science Institutional
MAC 1105 – College Algebra*+ ~	BOT 2010C – Botany (4 credits)
STA 2023 – Statistical Methods*+ ~	BSC 1011C – General Biology II* (4 credits)
MGF1130 – Mathematical Thinking*+~	BSC 1020 – Human Biology
MAC 2311 – Calculus with Analytic Geometry I*+ ~	BSC 1020C – Human Biology Combined (4 credits)
Mark Institutional	BSC 1026 – Biology of Human Sexuality
Math Institutional	BSC 1421C – Introduction to Biotechnology (4 credits)
You may instead select a second course from Math Core	BSC 2093C - Human Anatomy and Physiology I* (4 credits)
MAC 1114 – College Trigonometry*+	BSC 2094C – Human Anatomy and Physiology II* (4 credits)
MAC 1140 – Precalculus Algebra*+	CHM 1025C – Introduction to General Chemistry* (4 credits)
MAC 2312 – Calculus with Analytic Geometry II*+	CHM 1046C – General Chemistry with Qualitative Analysis II* (4 credits)
MAC 2233 – Calculus for Business and Social Science*+	GLY 2010C - Physical Geology (4 credits)
MGF1131 – Mathematics in Context*+	GLY 2160 - Geology of National Parks
	HUN 1201 – The Science of Nutrition*
Key:	MET 1010 – Introduction to Meteorology
* Class has a prerequisite	OCB 1000 – Introduction to Marine Biology
+ Class requires "C" grade or higher	OCE 1001 – Introduction to Oceanography
^ Course may require a specific grade for transfer institution	PHY 2049C – General Physics with Calculus II* (4 credits)
$^\sim$ Must be paired with MUL 1010 to earn Humanities credit	PHY 2054C – College Physics II with Algebra and Trigonometry* (4 credits)
Bold – Common Program Prerequisite (included in sample plan)	MCB 2010C – Microbiology* (4 credits)
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