



2024-2025 Academic Year

Criminal Justice

Corrections option

Associate in Science Degree (A.S.)

B-STEM Division

Business, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

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The Corrections option of the **Criminal Justice** program addresses the professional and educational needs of students interested in careers in corrections and of personnel already employed in the field who desire to increase their proficiency or to improve their professional career opportunities.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Discuss the history and philosophy of the components of the criminal justice system;
- Discuss the role of the corrections officer in contemporary America;
- Compare and contrast historically the philosophies of rehabilitation and punishment;
- Describe both traditional and new practices being employed in correctional institutions.

Although some of the coursework is presented in the daytime, the complete option requires some evening attendance. Corrections may be pursued either full-time or part-time. During the sophomore year, cooperative education is available for students interested in the real-world application of corrections and criminal justice theory to the correctional system.

Admission to the Corrections option requires a high school diploma or equivalent and English competency as demonstrated by placement testing. Graduates of the State and County Basic Training Course of the New Jersey Correctional Staff Training Academy may receive nine credits of advanced standing in the Corrections option.

Applicants should be aware that institutions, agencies, and offices of the criminal justice system establish mental, physical, and character requirements. Persons interested in this option are advised to gain an awareness of the specific requirements for their desired work setting.

Graduates of this option have secured positions with county, state and federal correctional agencies, as well as probation and parole departments. Graduates have also gone on to pursue careers in social welfare, criminology, and law.

Students have transferred to such four-year institutions as The College of New Jersey, Temple University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Rutgers University. To enable transfer to baccalaureate institutions without loss of credit and with full junior status, transfer

agreements have been secured with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey City University and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. Students interested in these opportunities should contact a Criminal Justice program advisor early in their coursework.

SEE ALSO:

[Criminal Justice - Law Enforcement option](#)

DEGREE CURRICULUM

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The course sequence below represents a recommended example of how this degree program can be completed in two years, presuming a Fall Term start and satisfaction of all Developmental Studies (foundation courses) requirements and prerequisites. Actual approaches toward completion depend on each student's anticipated transfer institution, career objectives, or other individual circumstances.

Students are encouraged to meet regularly with an academic advisor or Success Coach to consider options, establish plans, and monitor progress.

Code	Course (lecture/lab hours)	Credits	To Do This Semester
FIRST SEMESTER			
CRJ 101	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3/0)	3	✓ Meet with your faculty advisor to complete an academic plan. Make sure you are aware of any course prerequisites you may need to take, and how long it will take to complete your degree. ✓ Use your online tools: Check your MercerMail daily,
CRJ 103	Introduction to Corrections (3/0)	3	
CSW 100	College Success and Personal Wellness (2/0)	2	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Some exemptions apply. Consult academic advisor for details. 		
ENG 101	English Composition I (3/0)	3	

SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology (3/0)			utilize features of Office 365, and get to know Student Planning .
	<i>OR</i>		3	
SOC 107	Social Problems (3/0)			✓ Take advantage of Learning Centers or Online Tutoring to support your studies and assignments.
SECOND SEMESTER				
CRJ 105	Criminology (3/0)		3	✓ Transitioning to college can be challenging. Meet with your Success Coach for guidance and support.
ENG 102	English Composition II (3/0)		3	
HIS 101	History of Western Civilization to 1648 (3/0)			✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
	<i>OR</i>		3	
HIS 102	History of Western Civilization Since 1648 (3/0)			✓ Contact professors with questions and use their office hours to develop a connection.
MAT 120	Mathematics for Liberal Arts (3/0)			
	<i>OR</i>		3	✓ Apply for Continuing Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships .
MAT 125	Elementary Statistics I (3/0)			
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology (3/0)		3	✓ Begin attending college transfer events and visit campuses. Be sure to visit the Transfer Services and Career Services offices to get to know how the transfer process works and to explore career options. ✓ Plan for how you will complete transfer applications while finishing your classes.

THIRD SEMESTER

CMN 111	Speech: Human Communication (3/0)			✓ Keep in contact with each professor and your faculty advisor. Make sure you are on track to graduate.
	OR		3	
CMN 112	Public Speaking (3/0)			✓ Complete your applications to desired transfer institutions. ✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in activities and clubs .
CRJ 212	Juvenile Justice (3/0)		3	
LEG 256	Career Development for Law and Justice Professionals (1/0)		1	✓ Develop team and leadership skills by getting involved in activities and clubs .
SOC 209	Racial, Ethnic and Minority Groups (3/0)		3	
HIS —	Historical Perspective general education elective		3	✓ Manage your stress! Take advantage of the MCCC pool, Fitness Center , free yoga and Zumba. Reach out for counseling or other support if you need it. Your Success Coach can connect you with resources.
— —	Elective		3	

FOURTH SEMESTER

CRJ 211	Community Corrections (3/0)		3	✓ Apply for financial aid by May 1.
IST 101	Computer Concepts with Applications (2/2)		3	✓ Talk to your faculty advisor and the Transfer office for advice on how to successfully transition to a new school.
POL —	Political Science general education elective		3	✓ Apply for Graduating Student scholarships at www.mccc.edu/m-scholarships .
— —	Lab Science elective		3	
	• Select from BIO 113, CHE 106, PHY 111.			
— —	Elective		3	