CRIMINAL JUSTICE

All areas of Criminal of Justice require that individuals possess the personal and physical qualities essential to become effective peace officers. Many employment opportunities currently exist for individuals desiring entrance into law enforcement and corrections related fields at various governmental levels. Security and corrections are fast-growing professions. Individuals interested in these professions should understand that the work is demanding, requiring a combination of training, education, and experience, along with mental and physical stamina.

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Career Opportunities

Careers in the criminal justice field are found at the federal, state, county, and city levels.

Employment opportunities include:

- · Communications Technician/Dispatcher
- · Correctional Officer
- · Criminalist
- Criminologist
- · Deputy Sheriff
- · Forensic Technician
- · Juvenile Correctional Officer
- · Police Officer
- Probation Officer
- · Security Officer and Manager
- · Special Agent/Investigator
- · Deputy Coroner
- · School Police Officer
- · Reserve Police Officer/Sheriff's Deputy

Careers at the state, county, or city level usually require a high school diploma, but an associate's degree is preferable. Careers in law enforcement usually start with Police Academy Training. The modular format provides the opportunity to become a reserve officer while completing Module II and III of training.

Faculty

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Transfer

- · California State University, San Bernardino: Criminal Justice major
- University of California Riverside Extension

For the most up-to-date information on these programs and others, visit assist.org (http://www.assist.org). Please stop by the Transfer Center in Building 23 or make an appointment with a counselor if you have questions.

Criminal Justice, AS

State Control Number: 04967 Program Code: CJ.AS

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

The Criminal Justice major requires 18 units from any of the certificates or from any Criminal Justice coursework. CJ 138 Work EXP Edu of Criminal Justice may be used as elective credit but may not be used to fulfill major requirements.

To earn this degree, complete the major coursework with "C" grades or better and all of the following graduation requirements: 60 minimum degree-applicable units (including a maximum 4 units of activity); 2.0 minimum overall GPA; 12 degree-applicable units through VVC; Information Competency; Global Citizenship; Kinesiology, and the VVC General Education pattern (https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/vvcge/#vvcge). Courses may count in one area only, either in the major or in a general education category. Courses counted in one AA/AS major may not be used in another AA/AS major.

Administration of Justice, AS-T

State Control Number: 31296

already used:

BADM 103

Program Code: AJT.AS or AJT.IGETC.AS **Approved for Federal Financial Aid:** Yes

The Associate in Science Transfer (A.S.-T) degree in Criminal Justice complies with SB 1440. In so far as the awarding of this degree guarantees students admittance into the California State University system; however, this degree can not guarantee a specific University for the Criminal Justice major. NOTE: Students should be cognizant of the specific courses in Criminal Justice and General Education required for the major in Criminal Justice at each California State University.

To earn this degree complete the major coursework listed here with "C" grades or better and the following graduation requirements: 60 CSU transferable units; either the CSU General Education (https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/csuge-breadth/#csuge) or IGETC (https://catalog.vvc.edu/degrees-certificates/igetc/#igetc) (for CSU or UC) pattern; and a 2.0 minimum overall CSU GPA. Courses used in the major may also be counted in the general education areas. Courses used for this major may also be used to earn other degrees at VVC.

Code	Title	Units	
Required Course	s		
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0	
CJ 103	Criminal Law	3.0	
List A			
Complete two co	ourses from the following:	6.0	
CJ 102	Criminal Trial Processes		
CJ 104	Legal Aspects of Evidence		
CJ 132	Introduction to Corrections		
CJ 135	Juvenile Law & Procedures		
CJ 145	Introduction to Criminal Investigations		
CJ 150	Introduction to Forensic Science		
CJ 201	Community and the Justice System		
List B			
Complete two co	Complete two courses from the following, or any List A course not 6.0		

Financial Accounting Fundamentals

Code	Title	Units
CIS 101	Computer Literacy	
GEOG 101	Introduction to Physical Geography	
GEOG 101L	Geography 1 Laboratory	
GEOG 102	Introduction to Cultural Geography	
MATH 120	Introduction to Statistics	
or MATH 1:	2(
or MATH 1:	2(Introduction to Statistics With Skills Support	
or PSYC 21	5 Introduction to Statistics in Social and Behavior	al
	Sciences	
PSYC 101	Introductory Psychology	

Campus Law Enforcement Course: PC 832.3 Certificate of Career Preparation

State Control Number: N/A Program Code: PC832.3

Total Units

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

Certificate meets the requirements of the Calif. Legislature in PC 832.3(g) and POST requirement for Campus Law Enforcement employed on a K-12 or Community College campus.

Code	Title	Units
Required Cou	ırses	
CJ 8	PC 832.3 Campus Law Enforcement	2.0
Total Units		2

Correctional Science Certificate of Achievement

State Control Number: 40924 Program Code: CORRSCIEN.CERT Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

This certificate prepares students for a career at the federal, state, or local government level at a correctional facility.

Code	Title	Units
Required Cour	ses	
CJ 92	Writing for Criminal Justice	3.0
CJ 103	Criminal Law	3.0
CJ 127	Introduction to Criminology	3.0
CJ 132	Introduction to Corrections	3.0
CJ 201	Community and the Justice System	3.0
Total Units		15

Criminal Justice Certificate of Achievement

State Control Number: 20548 **Program Code:** CJ.CERT

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

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Code	Title	Units
Required Cou	rses	
CJ 92	Writing for Criminal Justice	3.0
CJ 101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CJ 102	Criminal Trial Processes	3.0
CJ 103	Criminal Law	3.0
CJ 104	Legal Aspects of Evidence	3.0
CJ 127	Introduction to Criminology	3.0
CJ 135	Juvenile Law & Procedures	3.0
CJ 201	Community and the Justice System	3.0
Total Units		24

Forensic Specialist Certificate of Career Preparation

State Control Number: N/A Program Code: FS.CERT

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Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

This certificate meets the standards required of a Forensic Specialist whose duties include processing evidence at crime scenes, packaging and transporting evidence to a crime lab, and testifying in court. The certificate requirements meet the standards set by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training and the College Advisory Committee

Code	Title	Units
Required Co	ourses	
CJ 67	Crime Scene Investigation	3.5
Total Units		3.5

Law Enforcement Module III Basic Course Certificate of Achievement

State Control Number: 42760 Program Code: L3MLEBC.CERT Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

This certificate is awarded to those students who are successful in all written and skills testing for the Module III Basic Law Enforcement Course and, as a reserve officer may perform specified limited support duties. This certificate serves as the prerequisite for entry into Module II Basic Law Enforcement Course.

Code	Title	Units
Required Courses	s	
CJ 80	Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course	8.0
Total Units		8

Law Enforcement Module II Basic Course Certificate of Achievement

State Control Number: 42093 Program Code: L2MLEBC.CERT Approved for Federal Financial Aid: Yes

This certificate is awarded to students who have successfully completed the Module II Law Enforcement sequence of courses and may now perform general law enforcement duties in a limited peace officer or volunteer capacity. This certificate serves as the prerequisite for entry into Module I Basic Law Enforcement Course.

Code	Title	Units
Required Course	es	
CJ 80	Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course	8.0
CJ 81	Module II Law Enforcement Basic Course	10.2
Total Units		18.2

PC 832 Firearms Only Certificate of Career Preparation

State Control Number: N/A **Program Code:** MARAF.CERT

Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

This certificate is awarded to those students who successfully qualified on a firearms course of fire as prescribed by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST).

Code	Title	Units
Required Co	ourses	
CJ 30	PC 832 Firearms	0.5
Total Units		0.5

PC 832 Laws of Arrest Course Certificate of Career Preparation

State Control Number: N/A Program Code: PC832LAWARST.CERT Approved for Federal Financial Aid: No

Students awarded this certificate have successfully completed the minimum requirements established by the Calif. State Legislature to perform peace officer duties in a limited capacity.

Code	Title	Units
Required Co	urses	
CJ 58	PC 832 Laws of Arrest	2.0
Total Units		2

Police Technician Specialist Certificate of Career Preparation

State Control Number: N/A

Program Code: POLTECHSPEC.CERT **Approved for Federal Financial Aid:** No

Prepares the student for a variety of employment opportunities with any Law Enforcement Agency, in a civilian capacity, as a Forensic Specialist or as an Evidence Technician.

Code	Title	Units
Required Cou	urses	
CJ 67	Crime Scene Investigation	3.5
CJ 92	Writing for Criminal Justice	3.0
CJ 103	Criminal Law	3.0
CJ 201	Community and the Justice System	3.0
Total Units		12.5

Criminal Justice Courses

CJ 8 PC 832.3 Campus Law Enforcement (2.0 Units)

This course complies with the state requirements for K-12 and Community College peace officer training per Penal Code 832.3g, certified by the state Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training. This course includes the role and responsibilities of campus police, search and seizure, student discipline and records, Crimes against persons and property, mandatory reporting of child abuse, and Disaster Preparedness. This course does not apply to the Associate Degree.

Lecture Hours: 36.0 Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 010 Victim Prev and Basic Self-Defense Wmn (0.0 Units)

This course is designed to empower women with the knowledge and basic skills necessary to help preventthem from being victims of crime. They will learn the importance of awareness and assertiveness in reducingthe risk of victimization. Learners will identify everyday risk factors of victimization and learn tools to reduce the impact of those risk factors. Topics will include situational awareness, cyber security and oversharing, and basic home safety. The course will also build learner self-confidence and assurance by using a low-stressenvironment to teach command presence skills, weaponless defense tactics, chemical agents familiarization, and basic firearms handling and safety. Lecture Hours: 1.5; Lab Hours: 4.5

Transfer Not transferable

CJ 020 Pre-Academy Orientation for Cj 80 (0.0 Units)

This course will serve as the academy orientation for CJ 80, the Level III Modular Law Enforcement Academy. Students enrolled in the CJ 81 Level II Modular Academy, who completed the Level III Academy at an institution other than Victor Valley College are also encouraged to enroll in this orientation.

Lab Hours: 9.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 30 PC 832 Firearms (0.5 Units)

This course satisfies the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) firearms certification for PC 832. Additional, this course exceeds the State of California firearms safe handling and use certification required from any person purchasing a firearm in California. This course does not apply to the Associate Degree. Prerequisite: DOJ criminal records check for firearms clearance through NLETS, CLETS, and FBI databases. Pass/No Pass.

Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 58 PC 832 Laws of Arrest (2.0 Units)

This course complies with the requirements of the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training for certification in PC 832. This course includes professionalism, law, evidence, investigation, arrest methods and control, community relations, and communication skills for interviewing and interrogation. Pass/No Pass.

Lecture Hours: 27.0; Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer. Not transferable

CJ 67 Crime Scene Investigation (3.5 Units)

This course will focus on the technical aspects of evidence collection, crime scene reconstruction, crime scene photography, evidence packaging, and courtroom testimony. This course will prepare the student to distinguish between trace, stain, and impression evidence and the role of these types of evidence in criminal investigations.

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 27.0

Transfer. Not transferable

CJ 80 Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course (8.0 Units)

This course complies with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) requirements for the Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course. This course includes professionalism and ethics, criminal law, laws of arrest and search and seizure, report writing, vehicle operations, use of force and force options, chemical agents, and firearms training. Prerequisite: DOJ Criminal Record Clearance for Firearms (State Mandated) Pass/No Pass. State Mandated.

Lecture Hours: 117.0; Lab Hours: 81.0

Transfer. Not transferable

CJ 81 Module II Law Enforcement Basic Course (10.2 Units)

This course includes community relations, victimology, crimes against property and persons, crimes against children, specific sex crimes, search and seizure law, investigative report writing, crimes in progress and patrol tactics, use of force, defensive tactics, and firearms training. There are a minimum of 144 hours of lecture and 60 hours lab. Prerequisite: CJ 80, Module III Law Enforcement Basic Course and DOJ Criminal Record Clearance. Pass/No Pass PreRequisite: DOJ criminal records clearance for Firearms. Must have completed Module III within three years and passed the End of Course Final Exam within one year.

Prerequisite(s): CJ 80, Minimum grade C, and DOJ Criminal Record Clearance. Must have completed Module III within three years and passed the End of Course Final Exam within one year.

Lecture Hours: 162.0; Lab Hours: 67.5

Transfer. Not transferable

CJ 92 Writing for Criminal Justice (3.0 Units)

Techniques of communicating facts, information, and ideas effectively in a simple, clear, and logical manner in the various types of criminal justice system reports: letters, memoranda, directives, and administrative reports with an emphasis on criminal justice terminology in note taking and report writing.

Lecture Hours: 54.0 Transfer: Not transferable

CJ 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice (3.0 Units)

This course introduces students to the characteristics of the criminal justice system in the US. Focus is placed on examing crime measurement, theoretical explanations of crime, responses to crime, components of the system, and current challenges to the system. This couse will examine the evolution and practices of the police, courts, corrections and their respective role players. This course will examine the ethics, education and training requirements for the respective role players in the criminal justice system. C-ID: AJ 110. CSU/UC

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer. Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 102 Criminal Trial Processes (3.0 Units)

Legal processes from pre-arrest through trial, sentencing and correctional procedures. An analysis of ethical decisions made by police, prosecutors, defense attorney, and the judiciary; conceptual interpretations of criminal trial procedural law as reflected in court decisions. A study of case law methodology and case research as the decisions impact upon the procedures of the justice system. C-ID: AJ 122. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 103 Criminal Law (3.0 Units)

This course offers an analysis of the doctrines of criminal liability in the US and the classification of crimes against persons, property, morals, and public welfare. Special emphasis is placed on the classification of crime, general elements of crime, the definitions of common and statutory law, and the nature of acceptable evidence. This course utilizes case law and case studies to introduce students to criminal law. The completion of this course offers a foundation upon which upper-division criminal justice course will build. This course also includes criminal culpability and defenses to crimes. C-ID: AJ 120. CSU/UC

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 104 Legal Aspects of Evidence (3.0 Units)

Origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional basis of evidence; constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure; kinds and degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility and exclusion; judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies viewed from a conceptual level. C-ID: AJ 124. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 127 Introduction to Criminology (3.0 Units)

An introduction to major types of criminal behavior, characteristics of offenders, factors which contribute to crime and delinquency. An examination of the criminal justice process; the function of law enforcement, the courts, probation, parole and institutions. Explore the changes in crime control and treatment processes, the role of society. CSU,UC

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to both UC/CSU

CJ 132 Introduction to Corrections (3.0 Units)

A survey of the field of correctional science. Historical development, current concepts and practice; explanations of criminal behavior; functions and objectives of the criminal justice system concerned with institutional, probation, and parole processes as they modify the offender's behavior; survey of professional career opportunities in public and private institutions. C-ID: AJ 200. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 135 Juvenile Law & Procedures (3.0 Units)

An overview and history of the Juvenile Justice System that evolved in the American Justice System. This course examines the sociological theories of delinquency, constitutional rights of juveniles, investigative procedures regarding juveniles, and the judicial proceedings of juveniles from intake to custodial resolutions. C-ID: AJ 220. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 138 Work EXP Edu of Criminal Justice (1-8 Units)

Work Experience Education is a key element of Victor Valley College's comprehensive approach to career development. Work Experience Education is a 16-, 12-, or 8-week course that enables students to receive college credit for paid or unpaid work opportunities. This course helps students gain valuable on-the-job work experience while providing practical education, best practices in professional development, and academic guidance through the course of their work opportunity. The combination of practical experience and curricular development empowers students to be more competitive, efficient and valuable employees upon completion of this program and/or their academic program trajectory. The course is ideal for students who are crosstraining at their current worksite for upward mobility or seeking career changes, as well as those looking for entry-level occupational training through work-based learning experiences such as through an internship. Work Experience Education transforms community businesses, industries, and public agencies into expanded educational training laboratories. Credit is awarded on the basis of learning objectives completed and the number of hours the student trains. Students must create/complete new learning objectives each semester they enroll. Students may utilize their present work sites. More details are available in the Work Experience Education Office, (760) 245-4271, ext. 2281. The office, located in the Academic Commons, is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., 2:00-6:00 p.m., and by appointment. Please refer to the Work Experience Education section in this catalog for more information. CSU

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 145 Introduction to Criminal Investigations (3.0 Units)

This course explores the techniques, procedures, and ethical issues in the investigation of crime, including organization of the investigative process, crime scene searches, interviewing and interrogating, surveillance, source of information, utility of evidence, scientific analysis of evidence and the role of the investigator in the trial process. C-ID: AJ 140. CSU Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 148 Special Topics (0.5-3 Units)

Special Topics

Lecture Hours: 54.0; Lab Hours: 54.0 Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 150 Introduction to Forensic Science (3.0 Units)

This course introduces the role of forensics in the criminal justice system. The course includes: crime scene processes and analysis; interpretation of patterns for reconstruction; physical pattern evidence; fingerprint identification and patterns; questioned document examination; toolmarks and firearms examinations; biological evidence and DNA; arson and explosives evidence, and drug analysis C-ID: AJ 150. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

CJ 201 Community and the Justice System (3.0 Units)

This course examines the complex, dynamic relationship between communities and the justice system in addressing crime and social conflict with an emphasis on the challenges and prospects of administering justice within a diverse multicultural population. Topics may include ethics, consensus and conflicting values in culture, religion, and law. C-ID: AJ 160. CSU

Lecture Hours: 54.0

Transfer: Transfers to CSU only

Program Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) are statements of the kind of learning a program hopes a student will achieve. The PLOs describe the knowledge, skills, problem-solving, communication and values that apply to all certificates and/or degrees within that program.

Upon completion of this program, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate a comprehension and appreciation of the connections, contributions, experiences, and potential conflicts of various ethnicities, races, and genders as they interact with the criminal justice components.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the criminal justice system and how the student as an individual understands career opportunities in the field as well as individual / community rights and responsibilities.
- Demonstrate an awareness of crime causation, roles of the components of the criminal justice system, and social and economic impact of crime on society.
- Critically analyze and evaluate behaviors and situations for violations of law; evaluate the lawful admissibility of evidence; and assess legal defenses.
- 5. Communicate effectively, orally and in written formats, to the various professional role players within the Criminal Justice system.
- Critically evaluate Vehicle Code violations to determine the cause for an accident. Perform the fundamentals of firearm safety, shooting accurately, and cleaning a pistol.
- Critically analyze and assess various sample fingerprints and accurately classify each fingerprint.
- Critically evaluate the search and/or seizure of evidence and determine the admissibility of evidence based on current Federal Supreme Court Decisions.
- 9. Critically analyze and evaluate the procedures in the preliminary investigation of specific crimes.
- Critically examine and evaluate the types of evidence, admissibility
 of evidence given fourth and fifth amendment restrictions; analyze
 exceptions to the exclusionary rule.
- 11. Critically evaluate the processes involved in recognizing evidence and investigating any specific crime scene; recognize the barriers to an effective interviews and/or interrogations.
- Critically analyze and describe the criminal trial processes from prearrest to sentencing.
- 13. Critically analyze and evaluate the proper procedures in conducting a criminal investigation involving crimes against persons, property, sex crimes, crimes against children, bombs and explosions, and vice and narcotics.
- 14. Critically evaluate and analyze the development of the role players, training and education, and present day challenges of the criminal justice system to include police, courts, and corrections.
- 15. Perform the duties and responsibilities of a Level II Reserve.
- 16. Critically appraise the legal restraints imposed on a peace officer by the US Constitution; critically evaluate the duties and responsibilities of a Level III Reserve.
- 17. Explain the sociological theories of criminology that relate specifically to juvenile delinquency.

- 18. Recognize and explain the development of the Juvenile court system.
- Recognize and explain the role of parens patriae and its role in the social development of the juvenile offender.
- Perform the duties, role, and function of a state certified correctional officer in a county jail or private prison.
- Perform the duties and responsibilities of a campus Peace Officer employed on a K-12 or Community College campus.
- Perform the duties and responsibilities of a California Correctional Officer in a local city, county, or private facility, as defined by the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC)
- Execute skills necessary for entry level employment in a variety of jobs within the Criminal Justice area.
- Apply for entry level employment in a variety of jobs within the Criminal Justice area.
- 25. Students will have the knowledge and skills to correctly classify any fingerprint and successfully identify an unknown fingerprint to a known fingerprint.
- 26. Collect evidence with accuracy.
- 27. Perform the duties and responsibilities of a Level III Reserve Peace Officer as prescribed in POST regulations. This certificate satisfies the prerequisite for entry into Module II Basic Law Enforcement Course.
- 28. Perform the duties and responsibilities of a Level II Reserve Officer as prescribed by POST. Or, perform the duties of a peace officer in a State Hospital, Code Enforcement officer for city and county agencies, or perform the duties of a gaming officer in a casino.
- 29. Students awarded this certificate have demonstrated the safe handling of a firearm, cleaning principles, and have qualified on a firearms course of fire as prescribed by POST.
- Perform the Laws of Arrest as prescribed by POST for peace officers with limited peace officer powers.
- 31. Be prepared for a variety of employment opportunities with any Law Enforcement Agency.
- 32. Demonstrate understanding of U.S. justice systems, both juvenile and adult, and their legal basis as well as an awareness of the social and economic impact of crime on society, as it relates to law enforcement, the courts, corrections, and community partnerships.
- Apply proper investigation procedures as they relate to evidence collection and preservation, crimes against people and property, and forensics.
- 34. Cultivate working knowledge and understanding of challenges and strategies of the Criminal Justice System in a diverse and multicultural society, developing a world view that acknowledges the vital role law enforcement plays in diverse communities.
- Model aptitude for employment in the criminal justice field by demonstrating knowledge of responsibilities and scope of career trajectories.