



Criminal Justice Programs

Program & Application Information

Rising concern over crime, homeland security and the administration of justice has led to an increased demand for criminal justice professionals with advanced education. The Zane State College Associates of Applied Science Degree program offers education and technical training to those planning careers in the law enforcement, courts, corrections, forensics and/or private security professions, as well as advancing the knowledge base of those already employed in the field.

Specific information regarding the program is attached.

Application Deadline: Before classes begin each semester



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Criminal Justice Program Prospective Student Information

The program engages students in theoretical as well as practical problem solving and provides insight into crime causation, control, prevention and mitigation. The overall goal is to develop and enhance comprehensive understanding of the Criminal Justice System.

General Information

Prospective Criminal Justice Students

The Zane State College Criminal Justice Program provides an interdisciplinary field of study that examines all facets of the criminal justice profession including; law enforcement, the court system, the correctional sciences, as well as private security. The degree program is suitable for those professionals who wish to enter the criminal justice field, those who are already employed in the field and wish to advance, as well as those who seek to continue their education at the baccalaureate level. Students who choose this degree program are taught by professionals with extensive experience in the criminal justice and academic fields.

Some of the career paths include, but are not limited to:

Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement
Adult and Juvenile Corrections
Probation/Parole
Bailiffs/Court Security
Criminalist/Crime Scene Investigators
Private Investigations
Protection Professionals
Victim Advocacy
Drug Treatment Professionals
Risk Managers
Homeland Security

Program Requirements

Criminal Justice Professionals play an important role in protecting the public as well as the administration of justice. In contrast, individuals with certain kinds of experiences may be ineligible for employment in the criminal justice field. The college has an obligation to advise students in a manner that maximizes opportunity for employment upon completion of the academic program.

For this reason, specific background data is essential to appropriate career advisement for criminal justice students.

At a minimum, students will be required to possess:

1. A high school diploma or GED
2. A valid State of Ohio Driver's License
3. A background investigation (See Program Faculty immediately for more information)

Application Requirements Checklist Criminal Justice Program

- 1. Students in the Criminal Justice program may be required to undergo a criminal background investigation due to the program firearm requirement (CJUS 2660 Firearms). Although this requirement will be explained during the initial phases of the program, if students have questions, they should see Program Faculty immediately.
- 2. Students in the Criminal Justice Program will be expected to consent to the above mentioned background investigation. Submission of false information may result in criminal/civil repercussions and/or removal from the program.
- 3. Any Criminal Justice student who receives a grade below a “C” in any Criminal Justice course, must repeat that particular course with a minimum grade of “C” in order to meet graduation requirements.
- 4. A Criminal Justice student arrested for ANY criminal offense is required to file a written report with CJ Program Faculty immediately. The report will include; (1) date of arrest, (2) date of court appearances, and (3) final disposition. This report will be filed NO LATER than 72 hours following the arrest. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disciplinary probation and/or dismissal from the program.

The purpose of this data is to provide Program Faculty with information that facilitates appropriate advising of students in their career pursuits.

Institutional Admissions Requirements

In addition to the above-mentioned special requirements, all students must complete the general admissions requirements:

- 1. Submit a College application to the Admissions Office.
- 2. Complete the Accuplacer Test for math, reading and communication skills. This may be arranged through the Testing Center (740) 588-1323.

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