



Earn Your Associate Degree in Criminal Justice

Kickstart a rewarding career
safeguarding your community.





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You are the future of law enforcement.

When you pursue a career in Criminal Justice, you will become an important member of law enforcement and take on the responsibility of serving every individual in your community.

Whether you are interested in pursuing a career as a police officer, special agent, corrections officer, or any other law enforcement position, it will be your duty to protect and serve individuals of all walks of life. Not only will you solve crime and keep people safe, but you must establish a sense of trust and respect between the institutions and individuals you serve.

By earning your associate degree, you can sharpen your interpersonal skills and gain the professional and investigative skillsets necessary for a successful career.

At Goodwin University, you can earn your associate degree in Criminal Justice and start on the pathway to making a positive impact on your community. If you are a caring individual looking to take on a hands-on role in protecting others, our program could be a great fit for your future!



Why an associate degree in Criminal Justice?



Gain a comprehensive knowledge of the legal system.

No matter what your specific career goals are, it is critical that you gain an in-depth understanding of the institutions and laws that govern all levels of our legal system before entering the field.

At Goodwin, you'll study the basic structure and functions of the American criminal justice system, including the juvenile justice system, the corrections system, and federal and state court systems. You'll also explore the ethical and legal issues faced by criminal justice professionals and work to understand the blind spots and major social issues that influence law enforcement proceedings. Our program will give you a well-rounded view of our legal system and set you up for success in your career.



Become a role model and act as a leader.

As a member of law enforcement, you'll be a first responder in some of life's most stressful situations, including medical emergencies, reports of criminal activity, and more. In these circumstances, it is important that you remain calm and act as a source of security for all individuals involved.

Our Criminal Justice program will provide you with the communication and regulatory skills necessary to form trusting professional relationships with the members of your community. Your ability to connect with others on a personal level while prioritizing safety and adherence to the law can make or break the outcomes of these intense situations.



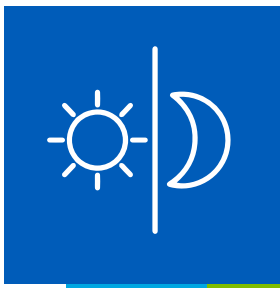
Learn from the best in the business.

At Goodwin University, our Criminal Justice courses are taught by some of the best minds in the business.

You'll have the chance to learn from military veterans, police commanders, detectives, state troopers, attorneys, and other experts who are eager to pass down their knowledge to the next generation of law enforcement professionals. Their decades of experience in the field of Criminal Justice will prepare you for on-the-job success.



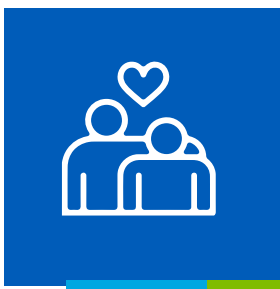
Why Goodwin University?



Flexible schedules

Whether you're working full-time or taking care of your family, we believe that your personal responsibilities are just as important as earning your degree.

That's why our Criminal Justice program offers flexible class schedules, including day and evening classes, so you can advance your career while working around your busy lifestyle.



We put you first

At Goodwin University, we have a student-centered approach to learning.

Our expert faculty are dedicated to giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve, and we offer a wide variety of student resources such as counseling services, financial aid, our Ann B. Clark Co-op, and more. While you're earning your degree, we'll be there to support you every step of the way!



A focus on career readiness

Earning your associate degree in Criminal Justice can be a pathway to an immense sense of personal and professional fulfillment — that's why, at Goodwin University, we are committed to preparing you for success in your career.

Our program will help you develop the critical thinking skills necessary for modern law enforcement, security, emergency response, and investigative professions while exposing you to contemporary policing issues.

Classes are taught by an all-star roster of experienced law enforcement professionals, and their experience will give you insight into the realities of policing and other criminal justice fields that you won't find in any textbook — the kind of knowledge most people don't get until they're on the force.

Curriculum

General Education Core Requirements - 22 Credits		
ENG 101	English Composition	3
ENG	Open Elective	3
MATH 135	Viewing Life Mathematically	3
SCI 1XX	Science w/lab (SCI)	4
PSY 112	Introduction to Psychology	3
PHIL 103	Ethical & Legal Issues OR	3
PHIL 105	Ethics, Values, and Cultural Competence in Practice	3
	General Education Elective*	3
Programmatic General Education Core Requirements - 6 Credits		
COM 1XX	Communications Elective	3
SOC 101	Elective	3
Criminal Justice Major Core Requirements - 24 Credits		
FRESHMAN YEAR		
CJS 101	Introduction to Human Services	3
CJS 106	Investigative Report Writing	3
CJS 112	Criminal Procedures	3
CJS 130	Introduction to Corrections	3
SOPHOMORE YEAR		
CJS 150	Criminology	3
CJS 210	Criminal Law	3
CJS 243	Juvenile Justice in America	3
CJS 299	Internship	3
Electives - 9 Credits		
CJS 1XX	Electives	6
CJS 2XX	Electives	3

TOTAL CREDITS IN THE PROGRAM: 61

*Elective credits may be chosen from any general education course, unless directed by the program. General Education courses contain the following prefixes: ENG, MATH, STAT, CAP, COM, BIO, CHEM, SCI, HIS, HUM, PHIL, SPAN, PSY, and SOC.



Course format

We know that you're busy — that's why we offer flexible class schedules. Classes are offered on-campus and are available days and evenings, so you can earn your degree on a schedule that works for you.

On-campus classes

When you're earning your associate degree in Criminal Justice, it's important that you have the opportunity to engage in meaningful classroom discussions with your peers. By coming to campus for classes, you'll get the one-on-one

attention you need from our expert faculty while learning about the real-life applications of your coursework. A career in Criminal Justice involves navigating sensitive cultural, social, and legal issues, and in-person classes make it possible to understand those concepts on a larger scale.



Financial aid

Paying for college doesn't have to be stressful — we make it easy to understand the costs of your education before classes even begin.

When you enroll in our associate degree in Criminal Justice program, you may be eligible to receive a scholarship of 30% off your tuition.

Learn more about how you might qualify for the scholarship on [our website](#).

We are committed to helping you earn your degree at a cost that is affordable to you.

At Goodwin, there are a variety of financial aid opportunities available to you, including scholarships, grants, student loans that need to be repaid, and work-study opportunities that provide a regular paycheck.

Check out our [financial aid page](#) to find out how Goodwin University can help you pay for your education.



Student resources and support

At Goodwin University, we are invested in the continued success of our students. We believe that you deserve great support services and resources to help you achieve your goals!

Academic Resources

- [Academic Advising](#)
- [Admissions](#)
- [Financial Aid](#)
- [Registrar's Office](#)

Academic Support

- [Academic Success Center](#)
- [Library](#)
- [Tutoring](#)

College Experience

- [Clubs and Organizations](#)
- [Student Engagement](#)

Professional Development

- [Lifetime Career Services](#)

Personal Support Services

- [AccessAbility Services](#)
- [Ann B. Clark Co-op](#)
- [Counseling](#)



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