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Career opportunities in Criminal Justice generally can be categorized into five major fields: law enforcement, courts, corrections, forensic science and private security. In these areas, a multitude of challenging occupations provides for a wide range of personal and career satisfaction. Criminal justice professionals perform a valuable and essential service for society. They function to prevent and control crime, shield the public from harm, provide detention and rehabilitation services and ensure equal justice for all citizens through the judicial system.

Jobs in the criminal justice system constitute one of the largest career groups in public service, and opportunities exist on all levels of governmental jurisdiction: federal, state and local. The private sector also has shown an increasing need for criminal justice professionals.

The Criminal Justice program at Rend Lake College features a cooperative arrangement with criminal justice agencies in the area. These internships expose students to the realities of criminal justice operations, with their challenges, problems and needed improvements. Internships are arranged in policing, courts and corrections.

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate in Arts Degree

This two-year transfer program leads to an Associate in Arts Degree. The curriculum is designed for students pursuing a baccalaureate degree in various areas of criminal justice. It provides students with the background in criminal justice and general studies necessary for advanced work at a four-year college or university. Students are advised to check with the institution to which they are transferring or an advisor at Rend Lake College for any additional requirements. ■ **Total = 64 Hours**

| First Semester | | Cr. Hrs. |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| CRJS 1201 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJS 1203 | Introduction to Corrections | 3 |
| ENGL 1101 | Rhetoric and Composition I ¹ | 3 |
| POLI 1101 | State and Local Government | 3 |
| SOCI 1101 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 |
| | | <u>15</u> |

| Second Semester | | |
|-----------------|--|-----------|
| COMM 1101 | Principles of Effective Speaking | 3 |
| CSCI 1101 | Introduction to Computers | 3 |
| ENGL 1102 | Rhetoric and Composition II | 3 |
| HEA 1101 | Health Education | 2 |
| MATH 1107 | Contemporary College Math ¹ | 3 |
| PSYC 2101 | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| | | <u>17</u> |

| Third Semester | | |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| BIO 1101 | College Biology | 5 |
| CRJS 1202 | Criminology | 3 |
| | Elective – Art / Music | 3 |
| | Elective – Fine Arts / Humanities | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 |
| | | <u>17</u> |

| Fourth Semester | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| MATH 1105 | Basic Concepts of Statistics | 3 |
| | Elective – Fine Arts / Humanities | 3 |
| | Elective – Science | 3 |
| | Elective (x2) | 6 |
| | | <u>15</u> |

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

| | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|---|
| ANTH 1101 | Cultural Anthropology | 3 |
| ENGL 2106 | Intermediate Composition | 3 |
| POLI 2101 | American Government | 3 |
| SOCI 2101 | Social Problems | 3 |

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate in Applied Science Degree

This two-year program leads to an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice (64 hours), with specializations in either police science or corrections. The curriculum is designed to provide students with a general background in all areas of criminal justice and prepare them for positions in police science, private security or corrections. Graduates will be prepared for jobs in police and sheriff departments, private security firms and correctional institutions. The curriculum provides those in the field with a means to upgrade job skills and enhance advancement potential. ■ **Total = 64 Hours**

| First Semester | | Cr. Hrs. |
|----------------|---|-----------|
| CRJS 1201 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJS 1202 | Criminology | 3 |
| CRJS | Elective – Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CSCI 1101 | Introduction to Computers ² | 3 |
| ENGL 1101 | Rhetoric and Composition I ¹ | 3 |
| | | <u>15</u> |

| Second Semester | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| COMM 1101 | Principles of Effective Speaking | 3 |
| CRJS 2208 | Criminal Investigation | 3 |
| CRJS | Elective – Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CRJS 2209 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| HEA 1101 | Health Education | |
| | or Basic First Aid | 2 |
| PSYC 2101 | Intro to Psychology | 3 |
| | | <u>17</u> |

| Third Semester | | |
|----------------|--|-----------|
| CRJS 2204 | Criminal Justice Administration | 3 |
| CRJS 2205 | Police Weapons / Defensive Tactics | 3 |
| CRJS | Elective – Criminal Justice ³ | 3 |
| POLI 1101 | State & Local Government | 3 |
| PYED | Elective – Physical Education | 1 |
| SOCI 1101 | Intro to Sociology | 3 |
| | | <u>16</u> |

| Fourth Semester | | |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| CRJS 2202 | Juvenile Justice | 3 |
| CRJS 2225 | Crime Scene Investigation | 4 |
| CRJS | Elective – Criminal Justice | 3 |
| MATH 1107 | Contemporary College Mathematics | 3 |
| | Elective | 3 |
| | | <u>16</u> |

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Occupational Certificates

CORRECTIONS ■ Total = 12 Hours

| First Semester | | Cr. Hrs. |
|----------------|-----------------------------|----------|
| CRJS 1203 | Introduction to Corrections | 3 |
| CRJS 2212 | Correctional Counseling | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

Second Semester

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| CRJS 1206 | Community-Based Corrections | 3 |
| CRJS 2209 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

POLICE SCIENCE ■ Total = 12 Hours

| First Semester | | Cr. Hrs. |
|----------------|-------------------------|----------|
| CRJS 2201 | Police Field Operations | 3 |
| CRJS 2206 | Criminal Procedure | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

Second Semester

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|-----------|--------------------------|----------|
| CRJS 2203 | Police Traffic Functions | 3 |
| CRJS 1204 | Community Policing | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

PRIVATE PROTECTION ■ Total = 12 Hours *

| First Semester | | Cr. Hrs. |
|----------------|----------------------------------|----------|
| CRJS 1208 | Private Investigator | 3 |
| CRJS 1220 | Introduction to Private Security | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

Second Semester

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| CRJS 2209 | Criminal Law | 3 |
| CRJS 2220 | Loss Control & Crime Prevention | 3 |
| | | <u>6</u> |

RECOMMENDED ELECTIVES

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|-----------|--------------------------|---|
| BIO 1100 | Biology for Non-majors | 4 |
| ENGL 1102 | Rhetoric and Composition | 3 |
| POLI 2101 | American Government | 3 |
| SPAN 1101 | Elementary Spanish | 3 |

RECOMMENDED CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES

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|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Choice of Certificate required courses | | |
| CRJS 2210 | Criminal Justice Internship * | 3 |

* Pending ICCB Approval

¹ Prerequisite course(s) may be required based on results of COMPASS, ASSET, ACT or SAT scores.
² Student must pass pre-test prior to enrolling in course.
³ Any CRJS course not required which is offered may be taken as an elective. Consult Advisor for elective choices to consider for transfer and other options.
 NOTE: Reading course(s) may be required based on results of COMPASS or ASSET scores.