

Criminal Justice Certificate

Program History

The Certificate in Basic Law Enforcement was initially developed when Guam Community College was created by Public Law 14-77 and the responsibility for police basic training was transferred from the University of Guam to Guam Community College. Presently, it continues to be the required curriculum for all territorial law enforcement academy cycles.

The first substantive revision was made in February 2011, which was made upon the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee request to realign the Certificate Program and the Criminal Justice Associate Degree Program. It also addressed new general education core requirements to commence Fall Semester 2003. The second substantive revision created a new area of concentration in Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement. Students may now elect to graduate with a Certificate in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in either Law Enforcement or Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement.

Course requirements may identify prerequisites that must be completed with a passing grade. Prerequisite course credits are not counted as credits earned towards the program unless they are certificate core course requirements. Prerequisites are identified in the course description section of this catalog and below with a + sign next to each course with a prerequisite.

Program Student Learning Outcomes (SLOs):

Upon successful completion of the Certificate in Criminal Justice program, students will be able to:

1. Identify the legal procedures for gathering information about crimes, criminal procedure, and defendants’ rights.
2. Describe the process of the criminal justice system and the duties and responsibilities of the criminal justice professional.
3. Demonstrate the ability to understand the interrelations, ethics, and role expectations of the criminal justice professional in society.

Law Enforcement Administration Track		
General Education Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
PY 125	Interpersonal Relations	3
Total		3
Technical Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 102	First Responder	3
CJ 126	Officer Survival	3
CJ 126L	Officer Survival Laboratory	1
CJ 132	Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC)	3
CJ 135	Firearms Use/Safety/Care	3
CJ 150	Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 200	Criminal Law	3
CJ 205	Police Report Writing	3
CJ 225	Criminal Investigation	3
Total		28
Certificate Total		31

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Marine & Terrestrial Conservation Enforcement Track		
General Education Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
SI120	Introduction to Island Ecology and Resource Management	3
Total		3
Technical Requirements		
Course #	Course Name	Credits
CJ 100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 102	First Responder	3
CJ 122	Introduction to Forensic Science	4
CJ 126	Officer Survival	3
CJ 126L	Officer Survival Laboratory	1
CJ 132	Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC)	3
CJ 135	Firearms Use/Safety/Care	3
Total		20
Related Technical Requirements		
CJ 150	Criminal Procedure	3
CJ 200	Criminal Law	3
CJ 205	Police Report Writing	3
CJ 225	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 292	Criminal Justice Practicum	3
Total		15
Certificate Total		38