Develop Real-World Skills for a Career in Criminal Justice

Our Criminal Justice Associate's degree focuses on developing real-world skills to help increase your decision-making ability and critical-thinking skills needed to launch a successful career. When you want to advance your education, you can seamlessly transfer your Associate's degree credits into our Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Bachelor's degree, a program focused on developing your leadership skills to help you achieve the promotion or specialized assignment you want to advance your career.

Gain Key Skills

You learn from seasoned professionals who deliver an evolving set of experiences to prepare you for life after graduation. In our Associate's degree program, you learn to assess situations through verbal and non-verbal communication cues and develop critical-thinking skills to positively react to fast-paced and ever-changing scenarios. Graduates of our Bachelor's degree program will know the theory and practice of criminal justice law, procedures and research methods, and will understand concepts of criminal behavior, crime prevention and diversity in the justice system.

Flexible Learning Options

You can choose the learning format that best fits your lifestyle—complete your Associate's or Bachelor's degree online in as few as 18 months. The Associate's degree and Bachelor's degree are both available with the Flex Choice® option—which allows you to save time and money by combining traditional courses and self-directed assessments into your own schedule.

Featured Courses

**Associate's Degree**

- **Criminology: Motives for Criminal Deviance**
  - Examine the social and behavioral issues involved in the study of crime as a social phenomenon, and study the various techniques for measuring the amounts and characteristics of crime and criminals.

- **Introduction to Corrections**
  - Explore U.S. corrections, jails and prisons, institutional procedures and recent innovations in offender treatment.

**Bachelor's Degree**

- **Values-Based Leadership in Criminal Justice**
  - Address unique ethical challenges that leaders in criminal justice may confront. Discuss delegation and abdication of duties, use of power, discretion and responsibility to act, and the role of personal character.

- **Contemporary Leadership Challenges**
  - Examine current issues in management. Research, present, and discuss course materials. Gain in-depth exposure to a topic in the field, and learn to become an active and effective member of a professional learning community.

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1. In Minnesota, the Criminal Justice Associate's degree program does not meet the standards established by the Minnesota Peace Officer Standards and Training Board for persons who seek employment as a peace officer.

2. The Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Bachelor’s degree and Criminal Justice Associate’s degree programs have not been approved by any state professional licensing body, and the programs do not lead to any state-issued professional license. For further information on professional licensing requirements, please contact the appropriate board or agency in your state of residence. Additional education, training, experience, and/or other eligibility criteria may apply.

3. Completion time is dependent on transfer credits accepted and courses completed each term.
Your Career in Criminal Justice

Earn the credential you need to help further your career. In our program, you enroll in major and core courses every step of the way so you are prepared to succeed in the field.

Career options for an Associate’s degree in Criminal Justice include positions such as corrections officer, security officer and Homeland Security TSA agent. Our Criminal Justice Leadership and Management Bachelor’s degree helps ready you for career options such as detective investigator, federal law enforcement, and juvenile probations officer. Work settings in the criminal justice field range from courts and prisons to law enforcement centers and other settings within the criminal justice system.

To plan for your future, check out the career titles that coincide with our credential and browse the growth and salary data projected by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.¹

ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE

BLS Career Options¹
• Correctional Officers and Jailers

BLS Growth Forecasts¹
Average Salary by Percentile:
10th: $28,500
25th: $34,150
50th: $42,820
Projected New Jobs: 17,100
Projected Job Growth: 4%

BACHELOR’S DEGREE

BLS Career Options¹
• First Line Supervisors of Police and Detectives

BLS Growth Forecasts¹
Average Salary by Percentile:
10th: $48,930
25th: $63,050
50th: $82,090
Projected New Jobs: 4,500
Projected Job Growth: 4%

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Entrance Requirements

In addition to meeting standard Rasmussen College admission requirements, you will need to pass a background check prior to enrolling as a Criminal Justice Associate’s or Bachelor’s degree student.

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² Completion time is dependent on transfer credits accepted and courses completed each term.

To learn more about entrance requirements, contact Rasmussen College to speak with a program manager.

For more information on our graduation rates, median graduate debt levels and other investment disclosure information, visit rasmussen.edu/SID.