

Criminal Justice Technology

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The Criminal Justice Technology prepares you for a career in criminal justice. You will find this program valuable if you want to work directly in law enforcement, in the courts, corrections, retail loss, prevention management, or in private security.

What You'll Learn...

- Criminal law, constitutional law, the nature of criminal behavior, and counseling
- Contemporary issues and daily operations of criminal justice agencies
- Using your background and skills in a variety of job opportunities including local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies as well as private agencies.
- The impact of crime in society and the role of the criminal justice system
- Applying your criminal justice background to a variety of situations

What You'll Earn...

- A competitive salary with excellent opportunities for advancement
- Employment opportunities in law enforcement and related services, corrections, counseling, probation and parole, courts, and private security and investigations
- The opportunity to broaden and advance your skills in new areas

Why You'll Succeed...

- Many of the higher paying jobs, now and in the future, will be in a technical career field requiring an education beyond high school
- Employees with degrees tend to be more eligible for promotion*
- Associate degree holders generally earn more than high school graduates*
- College credit may be awarded for relevant work experience
- Many credits from an Associate Degree may be applied toward a Bachelor Degree

**Statistics from U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Census*

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You can enroll in the Criminal Justice Technology on either a full-time or part-time basis. The length of time required to complete an Associate Degree depends on the number of courses you take each semester. Some students may need refresher courses at the basic or pre-tech level; others may receive transfer credit or credit for work experience. Delaware Tech operates on a semester system with new terms beginning in late August and mid-January, plus summer terms beginning at the end of May and in mid-June. You can start taking courses any semester or summer term; however, all technical courses may not be offered every term.

Required Technical Courses

Intro to Criminal Justice discusses the philosophy underlying the criminal justice system and the basic structures of the components of criminal justice.

Criminal Law covers principles of criminal law, the natural sources and types of criminal law, and the classification of crimes and criminal acts in general.

Crisis Intervention provides information needed to recognize people in crisis and how to assist them.

Drugs, Society and Human Behavior is an examination of narcotics and dangerous drugs with special emphasis on societal efforts to control the sale and use of illegal drugs.

Corrections in America examines the history of imprisonment and the various agencies, programs, and institutions that interact within the justice system.

Essentials of Interviewing and Counseling provides interviewing and counseling techniques as used in social work, corrections, and community agencies.

Criminal Judiciary covers the structure, jurisdiction, procedures of different courts, and functions of various administrative agencies, in addition to the complete process from arrest through release.

Constitutional Law provides an in-depth discussion of the substantive content of the federal constitution and its practical application of the legal principles of criminal law and constitutional law.

Criminology is a study of the nature and causes of crime.

Juvenile Justice discusses the psychological, legal, and social factors affecting juvenile delinquent behavior.

Issues in Law Enforcement discusses special issues, trends, and problems facing professionals in the criminal justice field.

Internship is the final phase of the student's program where the student must complete a total of 150 hours within various criminal justice agencies.

Related Courses

Technical Writing & Communication
Composition
College Math and Statistics
General Psychology
Abnormal Psychology

Sociology I
Human Communications or Spanish
Group and Individual Counseling
Critical Reading & Thinking
Computer Applications in CJ

Getting Started

1. Obtain an application by calling (302)857-1020. Complete and return to the Terry Campus with a \$10 application fee.
2. Take the College Placement Test (CPT) *unless college-level math, reading, and English courses have been completed with a "C" grade or better*. The CPT will determine appropriate placement and is scheduled by the Admissions Office.
3. Request that high school and/or college transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office.
4. Meet with a Delaware Tech counselor to discuss CPT results.
5. Meet with advisor to plan schedule.
6. Apply and register early for the best selection of courses.

Standards of Excellence

- ❖ Regularly scheduled internships allow students to experience real-life situations in this career field