Criminal Justice, AS

Program Description

Utah Tech's criminal justice major is an interdisciplinary program that combines the study of criminal law, law enforcement, and criminology, providing a firm foundation for a myriad of careers. This course of study exposes students to the interconnected nature of the criminal justice system and explores criminological explanations for crime commission. Graduates from this program are prepared to enter applied positions in the criminal justice system or pursue graduate degrees in law, criminology, sociology, forensics psychology, etc. The associate's degree in criminal justice as Utah Tech prepares students to continue their education in other criminal justice programs at various USHE institutions or at Utah Tech. This program emphasizes criminal law, criminal investigation, and the functioning of the criminal justice system.

Program Curriculum

60 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Code	Title	Hours
Discipline Core Requirements		
CJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 1330	Criminal Law	3
CJ 1340	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 2350	Laws of Evidence	3
Discipline Elective Requirements		
Complete a minimum of 9 (nine) credits in any Utah Tech Criminal Justice courses other than CJ 4890R.		
Note:		
Students planning to earn a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice should take MATH 1040 to fulfill the GE: Mathematics requirement.		

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 60 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 20 semester hours of credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
3. Minimum C- grade in Discipline Core Requirements.
4. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Graduation Plan

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
First Year Recommended Elective	2	CJ 1330	3
CJ 1010	3	CJ 1340	3
ENGL 1010	3	ENGL 2010	3
MATH 0980 (if needed)	4	MATH 1040	3
General Education (Fine Arts) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	1
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2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
CJ 2350	3	CJ elective (CJ course)	3
CJ elective (CJ course)	3	CJ elective (CJ course)	3
General Education (American Institutions) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (Life Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	4
General Education (Physical Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Education (Social & Behavioral Sciences) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
General Education (Literature/Humanities) (https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3	General Elective	3
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Total Hours 59