

JUSTICE STUDIES - A.A.

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Description

The Associate of Arts degree in Justice Studies prepares graduates for para-professional positions in the field of justice studies. The program can serve as a foundation for advanced justice studies in several areas, including retail security, industrial security, forensics, law and corrections. Graduates typically seek employment in probation offices, social service agencies, courts, local law enforcement offices and crime labs.

The Justice Studies major articulates to Kent State's B.A. degree in Criminology and Justice Studies.

Fully Offered At:

- Ashtabula Campus
- East Liverpool Campus
- Salem Campus
- Stark Campus
- Trumbull Campus
- Tuscarawas Campus

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Kent State campuses at Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Stark, Trumbull and Tuscarawas, and the Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg, have open enrollment admission for students who hold a high school diploma, GED or equivalent.

For more information on admissions, contact the Regional Campuses admissions offices.

University Requirements

All students in the Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements, please see Program Requirements for details.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
	Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
	Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
	Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
	Total Credit Hour Requirement	60

Some associate degrees require students to complete more than 60 credit hours.

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
CRIM 12000	INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES	3
CRIM 22100	BASIC INTERVIEWING	3
CRIM 22300	POLICE ROLE	3
CRIM 26701	CORRECTIONS	3
CRIM 26704	ISSUES IN LAW AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
CRIM 27311	VICTIMOLOGY	3
	Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM) Electives ¹	6
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Kent Core Composition	6
	Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning	3
	Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)	9
	Kent Core Social Sciences (must be from two disciplines)	3
	Kent Core Basic Sciences (must include one laboratory)	6-7
	Kent Core Additional	6
	General Elective (total credit hours depends on earning minimum 60 credit hours)	2
	Minimum Total Credit Hours:	60

¹ Students planning to enroll in the B.A. degree in Criminology and Justice Studies are recommended to upper-division courses in consultation with an advisor.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

Roadmap

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	CRIM 12000 INTRODUCTION TO JUSTICE STUDIES	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Two		
!	CRIM 22100 BASIC INTERVIEWING	3
!	CRIM 26704 ISSUES IN LAW AND SOCIETY (KSS)	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	General Elective	2
Credit Hours		14
Semester Three		
!	CRIM 22300 POLICE ROLE	3
!	CRIM 27311 VICTIMOLOGY	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
!	CRIM 26701 CORRECTIONS	3
	Criminology and Justice Studies (CRIM) Electives	6
	Kent Core Requirement	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		60