Criminal Justice

There are approximately 40,000 police agencies employing 60,000 federal law enforcement personnel and nearly 800,000 state and local law enforcement personnel. There are 17,000 courts, 8,000 prosecutorial agencies, 4,600 correctional institutions, and 3,200 probation and parole departments nationwide. They handle more than 35 million arrests a year and prosecute 3 million persons. Correctional institutions house 1.2 million inmates, and an additional 3.5 million persons are on probation or parole. Nationally there is a critical need for better trained, better educated people in all areas of the system.

In addition, more than one million people are employed by private security agencies, the fastest growing area of criminal justice. Employees may conduct private investigations, offer security consultations, sell security equipment, or work as security guards. Services provided by security agencies include employee background investigations, drug testing, polygraph testing, computer security, and emergency planning.

PROGRAM OPTIONS

The two-year associate degree in criminal justice meets the needs of both experienced practitioners and high school graduates interested in a career in criminal justice. Persons may enroll on either a full-time or a part-time basis.

In-service personnel can use the program to upgrade their knowledge and skills. The degree, when united with their experience, can be instrumental in promotion and advancement. For high school graduates, the associate degree should be helpful in obtaining employment with city police departments, parish sheriffs’ departments, and state and federal agencies, as well as court systems, district attorneys’ offices, correctional institutions, parole and probation offices, juvenile justice agencies, and private agencies.

The associate degree program in criminal justice at LSU Eunice generally parallels the first two years of the bachelor of science degree at most four-year universities.

CALL AT LSU EUNICE

The Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana, or CALL, is a joint initiative between the Louisiana Board of Regents, the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), and the Consortium for Education, Research and Technology of North Louisiana, aimed at making it easier for Louisiana adults without a college degree to enroll at a Louisiana public college or university and earn a degree or other college credential.

LSU Eunice’s Criminal Justice program is part of the CALL initiative and allows students to complete an associate of criminal justice degree completely online.

The CALL program offers flexible options for adult students looking to earn a degree at their own pace. CALL allows for fast track, accelerated courses that fit into a semester by using sessions that are 4 or 8 weeks long.

CALL takes into consideration previous college, academy and work experiences. An audit of previous work ensures you won’t miss an opportunity to receive credit for past educational experience.

For more information, visit yourcallla.org or call 337-550-1390.

ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM WITH MCNEESE

Through an agreement with McNeese State University, LSU Eunice students who complete the associate of science degree in criminal justice online through the CALL program can apply their two years of credits toward the remaining two years of course work to earn an online bachelor’s degree in criminal justice.

BACHELOR’S DEGREE PROGRAM WITH NORTHWESTERN

Through an agreement with Northwestern State University, LSU Eunice students who complete the associate of science degree in criminal justice can apply their two years of credits toward the remaining two years of course work to earn a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice at Northwestern State University. All of the remaining courses required for the bachelor’s degree will be offered online via the Internet by Northwestern, so students can remain at home while working toward a four-year degree. Northwestern offers tuition reduction for students employed full-time as law enforcement officers. Both LSU Eunice and Northwestern adhere to the curriculum standards of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. The specific two-year associate degree curriculum for students who want to continue on in the 2+2 program to earn a bachelor’s degree is given on the back panel of this brochure.

PRACTICUM IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AVAILABLE

Students enrolled in the criminal justice curriculum have the opportunity to earn up to six credits through internships and practical experience with criminal justice agencies of all kinds. Credit is awarded for what is known as a practicum course after the student successfully completes a previously approved program of structured work experience. One credit will be awarded for a minimum of 60 hours of successful practicum experience. The credit value of the practicum must be approved before the student begins work. Students can enroll in a practicum course only after completing an application that has been approved by the student’s faculty advisor, the program coordinator, and the Head of the Division of Liberal Arts. To enroll in a practicum, a student must have earned at least 24 college credits.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SOCIETY

All students interested in the criminal justice field are invited to join the Criminal Justice Society, an LSU Eunice student organization that arranges a variety of activities. Members of the group listen to speakers on issues in criminal justice and on career opportunities. They also plan projects to support the criminal justice program at LSU Eunice as well as a number of community service activities like fingerprinting children to make identification cards.

CRIME SCENE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

A separate brochure is available on LSU Eunice’s diploma, certificate, and technical competency areas in crime scene management.
CURRICULUM IN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE

The curriculum given below is intended for students who want to earn an associate of science degree at LSU Eunice and through LSU Eunice’s CALL Program. Students who want to continue on to earn a bachelor’s degree through the 2+2 Program at Northwestern State University should take the specific courses listed in the curriculum in the following section.

LSU Eunice students enrolled in the CALL program should follow this curriculum.

FIRST YEAR - Fall Semester - 15-16 hours
English 1001 English Composition 3
Criminal Justice 1107 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
Mathematics 1021 College Algebra 3
Sociology 2001 Introduction to Sociology 3
Biology or physical science 3-4

FIRST YEAR - Spring Semester - 18-19 hours
English 1002 English Composition 3
Criminal Justice 2131 Police Process 3
Criminal Justice 2132 Judicial Process 3
Fine arts elective 3
Biology or physical science 3-4
Mathematics 1022, Plane Trigonometry, Elementary 1425, or 1431 Statistics, or Business Calculus 3

SECOND YEAR - Fall Semester - 15 Hours
Criminal Justice 2133 Correctional Process 3
Criminal Justice 2153 Criminal and Related Law 3
Psychology 2000 Introduction to Psychology 3
Political Science 2051 American Government 3
Criminal Justice elective 3

SECOND YEAR - Spring Semester - 12 Hours
Approved electives 3
Approved Social Science/History Elective 6
English 2002 Business Writing 3

CURRICULUM IN ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR 2+2 PROGRAM STUDENTS

The curriculum given below is specifically intended for students who want to earn an associate of science degree at LSU Eunice and then apply their credits toward a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice offered online through Northwestern State University.

Humanities/English (9 sem. hrs.)
Course Number Description Sem. Hrs.
English 1001, 1002 English Composition 6
American or English literature elective 3

Mathematics (6 sem. hrs.)
Math 1021 College Algebra 3
Math 1425 Elementary Statistics 3

Natural Sciences (6 sem. hrs.)
Physical Sci. 1001, 1002 or Physics 2001, 2002
or Chem. 1201, 1202 Physical Science or General Physics 6

Core Courses (25 sem. hrs.)
Political Science 2051 American Government 3
Psychology 2000 Intro to Psychology 3
Sociology 2501 Current Social Problems 3
Sociology 2505 Marriage & Family Relationships 3
Art 1440 Art History 3
Music 1751 Music Appreciation 3
Sociology 2001 Introduction to Sociology 3
HPRE 2601 First Aid 1
HPRE 1600 Personal and Community Health 3

Electives (3 sem. hrs.)
Elective 3

Area of Concentration (minimum 18 sem. hrs.)
Criminal Justice 1107 Introduction to Criminal Justice 3
Criminal Justice 2131 Police Process 3
Criminal Justice 2132 Judicial Process 3
Criminal Justice 2133 Correctional Process 3
Criminal Justice 2153 Criminal and Related Law 3
Sociology 2600 Drugs and Society 3

Total Hours for Degree 67