

1. The AAS degree provides career skills to enable students to enter the job market after graduation, retrain in a new career, or upgrade employment skills. Occupational courses are designed to meet these needs instead of transferring to four-year institutions; however, many four-year institutions accept some of these courses. Check with your college of transfer intent for more info.
2. Certificate programs offered in the occupational area are generally shorter in length. Students may wish to complete a Certificate first, and apply those same courses to the requirements for the AAS degree.
3. You must apply for graduation on the website or at Enrollment Services prior to your final semester.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (18 credits)

English – 6 credits

English: Take both courses:	
ENG 121 & 131	

Math or Science – 3 credits hours

Math or Science: Choose from:	
AST, BIO, CHE, GEY, HWE, HPR, MAT 120 or higher, PHY, SCI	

Social & Behavioral Sciences – 6 credits

Political Science: Choose one:	
POS 111 or POS 125	
Sociology or Psychology: Choose one:	
SOC 101 or PSY 101	

Communication – 3 credits

Speech:	
COM 115 or COM 125	

Criminal Justice Core Requirements – 36 credits
Students must complete all core courses

Criminal Justice and Public Service Management:		
CRJ 110	CRJ 135	CRJ 230
CRJ 111	CRJ 145	PSM 132
CRJ 112	CRJ 210	PSM 133
CRJ 125	CRJ 220	PSM 204

Criminal Justice Electives – 6 credits: Select 6 credits from the following:

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CRJ 101	CRJ 150	CRJ 240
CRJ 102	CRJ 151	CRJ 241
CRJ 103	CRJ 190	CRJ 245
CRJ 105	CRJ 209	CRJ 246
CRJ 106	CRJ 211	CRJ 248
CRJ 107	CRJ 212	CRJ 256
CRJ 108	CRJ 215	CRJ 260
CRJ 109	CRJ 216	CRJ 264
CRJ 118	CRJ 218	CRJ 275
CRJ 119	CRJ 219	CRJ 280
CRJ 126	CRJ 225	CRJ 285
CRJ 127	CRJ 232	CRJ 286
CRJ 141	CRJ 234	MED 101
CRJ 146	CRJ 239	

*courses may be applied only once toward degree requirements.

- _____ **Total Degree Core Requirements – 18 credits**
- _____ **Total Criminal Justice Requirements – 36 credits**
- _____ **Total Criminal Justice Electives – 6 credits**
- _____ **Total Required – 60 credits**

Police Academy Information

Students desiring to apply their Law Enforcement Basic Training Academy credits toward an AAS degree must consult with the Public Service/Criminal Justice Department staff before enrolling in any CRJ degree program. Background checks are conducted on all applicants for the Academy. NO ONE convicted of a felony, certain misdemeanors, any crime involving violence against another person, or who has used illegal drugs in the past two years will be accepted. Other conditions apply: call 303-340-7215 for more information.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

This AAS degree prepares students for entry-level employment in law enforcement in Colorado. It also will assist those currently in law enforcement in upgrading their skills and résumé. Many, if not most, of the core and elective CRJ courses will transfer depending on the bachelor's program and 4-year college you wish to transfer to. For information on transferability to Bachelor of Science/Arts programs and locations, please contact the Program Coordinator or the Chair for more information and applicable colleges.

Working in the law enforcement or criminal justice field demands individuals of high character and ability. If you are considering a career in the criminal justice field, please note that, by law, those with prior felony convictions and certain misdemeanor convictions, including those involving theft, moral turpitude, domestic violence and other crimes against persons, cannot apply for law enforcement positions or the academy, but may be eligible to work in the fields of counseling, mediation, private security, and other legal fields under certain conditions.

Restrictions to applying to the Law Enforcement Academy:

Those seeking to enter the CCA P.O.S.T. approved Police Academy to be trained and receive state P.O.S.T. certification to seek positions as law enforcement officers are required and expected to be morally, physically, and emotionally suitable to be hired from the day they enter the academy. Therefore, to ensure that cadets are of the highest caliber, those students wishing to apply for the CCA Basic Law Enforcement (Police) Training Academy will have to meet the following minimum qualifications: **YOU...**

1. **CANNOT** have a felony conviction or certain misdemeanors including those involving theft, moral turpitude, domestic violence and other crimes against persons.
2. **WILL** have an extensive background check conducted, and will have to pass an oral board interview prior to admittance into the academy.
3. **CANNOT** have been convicted of a DUI/DWAI offense in the past five years, have three or more moving violations in the past two years, or a total of five or more moving violations in the past five years.
4. **CANNOT** have used marijuana within the past three years.
5. **CANNOT** have **EVER** sold, manufactured, or transported for hire, ANY illegal drugs. ALL other illegally used (used when not under care by a physician who gave a legal prescription to you for use) narcotic, depressant, stimulant, hallucinogen, or steroid drugs require a 5-year waiting period.
6. **MUST** pass the Accuplacer assessment test with a score of 84 or higher on the written and reading portions, or show similar proof by a transcript of relevant completed college courses with a "C" grade or higher.
7. **MUST** be in good physical condition, and pass a medical exam, with no limitations, pre-existing injuries, or physical or emotional conditions that may be aggravated by the physical and high stress demands of the academy training; and not currently be on medication that will cause safety concerns during driving, firearms, or arrest control instruction.
8. **MUST** be at least 21 years of age by the completion date of the academy. Certain other conditions apply.