CRIMINAL JUSTICE: CP

Certificate of Proficiency | 30 credit hours minimum

Area of Interest: Education, Public Service, and Social Sciences

Program Website (https://stlcc.edu/programs-academics/pathways/s-b-s-h-s-e/criminal-justice/)

Academic Advising (https://stlcc.edu/admissions/advising/)

Program Description:

The Criminal Justice Certificate of Proficiency prepares students for employment and advancement in an entry-level career in law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. This program is designed for students who want to enhance their skills and competencies in professional criminal justice roles. Students will acquire a fundamental knowledge in legal procedures, strong written skills, and a basic understanding of the government process.

Locations. This program is offered at Florissant Valley, Forest Park, and Meramec by taking a mixture of face-to-face and online courses.

Related Program. The Criminal Justice Department offers an associate in the following area:

> **Criminal Justice, Associate in Applied Science (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/programs/criminal-justice-law-enforcement-option/)**

Cost of Attendance. For more information on cost of attendance visit **MoSCORES (https://scorecard.mo.gov/Search/)**.

Program Career and Salary Information. Pursuant to Missouri HB 1606 (2018), information regarding the number of credit hours, program length, employment rate, wage data, and graduates employed in careers related to their program of study at St. Louis Community College can be found at the following URL: **https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/ (https://www.google.com/url/?q=https://scorecard.mo.gov/scorecard/ &sa=D&ust=1555536894857000&usg=AFQjCNG1xf3E_i2lO96zEytILO-s5xaJCQ)**. Search using School / Program "St. Louis Community College" and choose the degree or credential type of interest.

The following limitations to the data apply: Information provided is based on the most recent cohorts available. Typically, most recent cohorts for wage and completion data are six years prior to the current academic year. Time to complete a program of study varies depending on the number of credit hours students earn per semester.

Interested in this program? Start the enrollment process by visiting the **Apply to STLCC (https://www.stlcc.edu/admissions/apply-to-stlcc/)** page.

At the completion of the program, students are expected to:

1. identify the major components of the criminal justice system.
2. explain legal concepts, terminology, and evidentiary rules and constitutional limitations to which criminal justice professionals must adhere when practicing within the field.
3. explain the functions of law enforcement, corrections, and the courts.
4. analyze crime-related issues in the community.
5. propose ethical and legal solutions to crime-related issues in the community.
6. complete clear and concise written documentation in the performance of their duties as criminal justice professionals.
7. distinguish the overlapping roles of law enforcement agencies, the criminal and juvenile court systems, and correctional facilities.
8. identify the theories of crime and deviance, rehabilitation, and punishment.

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Program Requirements		
CRJ 122	Introduction to Criminal Justice (MOTR CRJS 101)	3
CRJ 101	American Correctional System	3
CRJ 129	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
CRJ 123	Juvenile Justice	3
CRJ 124	Criminal Law and Procedures	3
CRJ 212	Criminal Investigation	3
ENG 101	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100)	3
CRJ 206	Diversity and Criminal Justice	3
or SOC 203	Introduction to Criminology (MOTR CRIM 205)	
PHL 104	Ethics (MOTR PHIL 102)	3
Select one of the following:		3
HST 101	United States History to 1865 (MOTR HIST 101)	
HST 102	United States History from 1865 to the Present (MOTR HIST 102)	
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics (MOTR POSC 101)	
Total Credit Hours		**30**

Full-Time Academic Plan

PLEASE NOTE: If you originally enrolled at STLCC prior to Fall 2025, you may need to view an **archived catalog (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/archived-catalogs/)** for your correct program requirements. Please speak with an advisor or the program coordinator for more information.

Code	Title	Hours	Prerequisites	Milestones/Notes
First Year				
Fall				
CRJ 122	Introduction to Criminal Justice (MOTR CRJS 101)	3	Reading Proficiency	Exploratory Course, Gateway Course, Critical Course
CRJ 101	American Correctional System	3	Prior or concurrent enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	

CRJ 129	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
ENG 101 or 102	College Composition I (MOTR ENGL 100) or College Composition II (MOTR ENGL 200)	3	Placement score or ENG 030 or ENG 070 with a grade of "C" or better or recommendation of department and Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079	
XXX xxx	Social & Behavioral Sciences: Civics Requirement (http://catalog.stlcc.edu/general-education/)	3		
	Credit Hours	**15**		
Spring				
CRJ 123	Juvenile Justice	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
CRJ 124	Criminal Law and Procedures	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
CRJ 206 or SOC 203	Diversity and Criminal Justice or Introduction to Criminology (MOTR CRIM 205)	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
CRJ 212	Criminal Investigation	3	Concurrent or prior enrollment in CRJ 122 with a minimum grade of "C" and Reading Proficiency	
PHL 104	Ethics (MOTR PHIL 102)	3	Reading Proficiency or concurrent enrollment in RDG 079	
	Credit Hours	**15**		
	Total Credit Hours	**30**		

Critical Courses: Critical courses are most important to a student's declared major and most strongly predict later success in the major. A critical course requires a minimal grade to progress to higher-level courses.

Exploratory Courses: Exploratory courses are first-semester courses that introduce the program and career field.

Gateway Courses: Gateway courses are courses in many career pathways that must be completed before progression in higher-level courses. These may be the same as critical and/or exploratory courses.

*Click on the hyperlinked course number to view additional information about the course.

**Students completing a course that has been assigned a MOTR number may transfer that course to any public institution in Missouri. Those who complete CORE 42 requirements will have that verification on their transcript.

*** It is your responsibility to verify that the courses listed above will transfer to the four-year institution of your choice. Maximize your transfer credits/classes by meeting with an academic advisor.