

ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE - CORRECTIONS (AS)

This degree prepares students for entry-level employment in the field of Administration of Justice -Corrections through the study of sentencing, jails, prisons and community corrections. Students will acquire skills in theoretical, philosophical, and practical applications of topics related to corrections and will acquire skills appropriate for beginning paraprofessional or professional employment in criminal justice.

Program Outcomes

- Analyze ethical dilemmas encountered in the corrections and law enforcement fields and identify the correct ethical choice.
- Explain the "corrections umbrella" by applying definitions, concepts, and principles to the three branches of the corrections system.
- Exhibit strong and effective writing skills.
- Demonstrate knowledge/ability to listen and engage in verbal communication with a variety of people, taking into consideration cultural customs, beliefs, and lifestyles.

Career Opportunities

Upon successful completion of this degree, students will be prepared for careers or employment in the following fields: county jails, halfway houses, group homes, crisis centers, juvenile hall and victim service agencies. At the state level, employment opportunities exist with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Juvenile Justice. Note: Each corrections, probation and parole agency has specific employment and training requirements.

Note

This degree is not designed for transfer; however, the courses included in this degree may be transferable and apply to other degrees designed for transfer.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
GENERAL EDUCATION AND SUBJECT REQUIREMENTS		25
College of the Sequoias' Associate Degree General Education (COS-GE) *		
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REQUIRED MAJOR COURSES		12
AJ 011	Introduction to Criminal Justice *	3
AJ 014	Criminal Law 1	3
AJ 111	Criminal Justice Communication	3
AJ 121	Introduction to Corrections	3
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES - LIST A		9
Select three of the following courses:		
AJ 113	Juvenile Laws & Procedures	3
AJ 114	Juvenile Delinquency	3
AJ 117	Correctional Counseling	3
AJ 123	Criminal Justice Ethics *	3

AJ 130	Correctional Law	3
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RESTRICTED ELECTIVES - LIST B		9
Select a minimum of three additional courses from either List A or List B or a combination of both lists (for a minimum of nine units):		
AJ 025	Constitutional Law *	3
AJ 045	Terrorism and Freedom	3
AJ 115	Criminal Law 2	3
WEXP 193 J	AJ Wrk Exp-1st Sem	1-4
WEXP 194 J	AJ Work Exp-2nd Sem	1-4
WEXP 195 J	AJ Wrk Exp-3rd Sem	1-4
WEXP 196 J	AJ Wrk Exp-4th Sem	1-4
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ELECTIVES		8-14
Select additional degree-applicable courses numbered 1-299 to achieve 60 units. Recommended courses for electives include:		
CHLD 039	Child Development-DS 1	3
CHLD 042	Child, Family & Society-DS2	3
CHLD 134	Understanding Child Abuse	3
SOC 043	Sociology of Deviance	3
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TOTAL		60

* Courses meet General Education requirement and 3-9 units may double count above in COS-GE.

The Associate Degree requirements include completion of the:

- Required major courses and restricted elective courses with a "C" or better grade in each course (required and restricted elective courses may be substituted with the approval of the Division Chair),
- General Education Requirements,
- Subject requirements including PE, Health & Wellness, and American Institutions, and
- A minimum of 60 units of degree-applicable courses numbered 1-299, at least 12 of which must be taken in residence at College of the Sequoias, with a "C" (2.0) average (see Associate Degree Requirements (<https://catalog.cos.edu/associate-degree-requirements/>) for additional details).