SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

FIRST SEMESTER

Credit Hours

17

ORI 1011 New Student Orientation ...............1
ENG 1113 English Comp I ......................................3
CJ 1113 Intro to Criminal Justice .................3
GVF 1113 American Federal Government ..........3
Science w/Lab Elective ........................................4
CIS 1113 Computer Applications ....................3

SECOND SEMESTER

Credit Hours

15

Arts & Science Elective (or) .....................3
SOC 1113 Introduction to Sociology ...............3
ENG 1213 English Comp II .......................... 3
Science Elective ..................................................3
CJ 2323 Criminal Law ..................................... 3
HWP 1112 Personal Health (or) ................. 2
Any approved HWP course

THIRD SEMESTER

Credit Hours

15

Arts & Science Elective (or) .....................3
PSY 1113 Introductory Psychology .................3
SPC 1113 Fundamentals of Speech .................3
HST 1483 US History to 1877 (or) ............... 3
HST 1493 US History since 1877 ................. 3
Humanities Elective .........................................3
Recommended Program Elective .................. 3

FOURTH SEMESTER

Credit Hours

16

SPA 1114 Beginning Spanish I .................... 4
MTH 1513 College Algebra (or) ..................4
MTH 1413 Survey of Math .................... 3
Humanities Elective .........................................3
Recommended Program Electives ............... 6

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Credit Hours

38

GENERAL EDUCATION

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION (6 Hours)
ENG 1113 English Composition I ...............3
ENG 1213 English Composition II ..............3
HISTORY AND POLITICAL AWARENESS (6 Hours)
HST 1483 US History to 1877 (or) ...............3
HST 1493 US History since 1877 ...............3
GVF 1113 American Federal Government .......3

SCI 1114 General Physical Science .................4
BIO 1114 General Biology .................................4
(Must include at least one lab course from: Area 3 in the College Catalog)

HUMANITIES (6 Hours)
Any course with a HUM prefix (or) ..................6
(See listing of acceptable courses in Area 4 the current College Catalog)

MATH AND QUANTITATIVE REASONING (3 Hours)
MTH 1513 College Algebra (or) .................3
MTH 1413 Survey of Math ..........................4

LIBERAL ARTS AND GLOBAL AWARENESS (3 Hours)
Soc 1113 Intro. to Sociology ..........................3
(or another course in Area 6 in the current College Catalog)

ARTS AND SCIENCES (3 Hours)
Select course from Area 7 in the current College Catalog .................3

COMPUTER PROFICIENCY (3 Hours)
CIS 1113 Computer Applications ..................3
to: Area 4 in the current College Catalog)

PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS

6

CJ 1113 Intro to Criminal Justice .................3
CJ 2323 Criminal Law .....................................3

RECOMMENDED PROGRAM ELECTIVES

17

CJ 1433 Intro to Law ......................................3
CJ 1483 Legal Research ....................................3
CJ 2353 Juvenile Justice ..................................3
CJ 2423 Intro Law Enforcement ........................3
CJ 2433 Domestic Relations ............................3
CJ 2443 Criminal Procedures ..........................3
CJ 2523 Intro to Corrections ............................3
GVF 2343 Intro to State & Local Gov ............3
PSY 1113 Intro Psychology .............................3
SOC 1113 Intro Sociology ..................................3
SOC 2063 Dev., Crime, & Delinquency ...........3
SOC 2143 Cultural Diversities .......................3
SPA 1114 Beginning Spanish I ....................4
ORI 1011 New Student Orientation ..............1
Substitutions with Departmental Approval

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS

61

HEALTH, WELLNESS, & HUMAN PERFORMANCE

HWP Personal Health, First Aid, or Activity ..........................2
Courses (i.e., Swimming, Bowling Golf, Tennis, Dance, Weight Training, Walking/Jogging, Women’s Fitness, etc)

MSC TOTAL CREDIT HOURS REQUIRED

63

GENERAL COLLEGE PREPARATORY REQUIREMENTS

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MTH 0303 Beginning Algebra
MTH 0103 Introductory Math
MTH 0403 Intermediate Algebra
ENG 0303 Basic English I
ENG 0103 Reading I

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CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

• Police officer
• Corrections officer
• Parole officer