

Fort Scott Community College

Certificate Requirements

Police Science

Certificate C

A program that prepares individuals to perform the duties of police and public security officers, including patrol and investigative activities, traffic control, crowd control and public relations, witness interviewing, evidence collection and management, basic crime prevention methods, weapon and equipment operation and maintenance, report preparation and other routine law enforcement responsibilities. The Certificate C in Police Science is designed to prepare students for immediate entry-level employment in the field of criminal justice. Students engage in a wide range of topics including criminal procedures, criminal law, criminal investigations, interviewing techniques, and report writing. The curriculum blends theoretical foundations with hands-on, practical learning experiences to equip students with the essential knowledge and skills for careers in law enforcement, corrections, and related fields.

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Required Courses: 30 Credit Hours			
Course ID	Course Title	Credit Hours	Notes
CRJ 1013	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1053	Criminal Investigation	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1063	Criminal Justice Interviewing	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1073	Criminal Justice Report Writing	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1123	Law Enforcement Operations & Procedures	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1233	Introduction to Corrections	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 1263	Criminal Procedures	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 2093	Criminal Law	3	Fall/Spring
CRJ 2123	Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	3	Spring
CRJ 2313	Professional Responsibility in Criminal Justice	3	Fall
General Education Courses: 15 Credit Hours			
Course ID	Course Title	Credit Hours	Notes
ENG 1013	English 101	3	
PSY 1013	General Psychology	3	
POL 1013	American Government	3	

SOC 1013	Sociology	3	
SPE 1093	Public Speaking	3	
	Total	45	

Semester Plan – Certificate C in Police Science

Fall 1 Semester	
Course	Credits
Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Criminal Law	3
English 101	3
Introduction to Corrections	3
General Psychology	3
Total	15

Spring 1 Semester	
Course	Credits
Criminal Procedures	3
Juvenile Delinquency & Justice	3
Law Enforcement Operations & Procedures	3
American Government	3
Public Speaking	3
Total	15

Fall 2 Semester	
Course	Credits
Criminal Investigation	3
Professional Responsibility in CJ	3
Sociology	3
Criminal Justice Interviewing	3
Criminal Justice Report Writing	3
Total	15

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