



Criminal Justice Career Field Pathway and Course Structure

Criminal Justice I

The American Criminal Justice System

This first course in the Criminal Justice pathway traces the history, organization, and functions of local, state, and federal law enforcement. Students will study criminal behavior and apply constitutional and criminal law to crime and punishment. Students will learn law enforcement terminology, classifications and elements of crime, and how various court systems are used to judge and punish offenders.

Police Work and Practice in Public Safety

In this course, students will learn the skills necessary to prevent, detect and react to crime. Students will learn self-defense and subject control techniques, methods to conduct patrols, surveillance, and traffic procedures. Students will understand the ethical and legal responsibilities of police officers on patrol. Additionally, students will learn the operations of police and emergency telecommunication systems.

Criminal Justice II

Investigations and Forensics in Criminal Investigations

Forensic Science uses a structured and scientific approach to the investigation of crimes including assault, abuse and neglect, domestic violence, accidental death and homicide. Students will learn the psychology of criminal behavior and apply it to investigative procedures. Students will collect and analyze evidence through case studies and simulated crime scenes such as fingerprint analysis, ballistics, and blood spatter analysis.

Security and Protective Services

Private Security is an ever-expanding industry that requires trained professionals that can detect, deter, and investigate crime. The course focuses on private security measures used to protect lives, property, and proprietary information. Students completing the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy Private Security curriculum provided by an approved instructor will be eligible to sit for the OPOTA certification exam as a private security guard.



Law and Public Safety Career Pathway

Certificate

Associate Degree,
Criminal Justice

Bachelor's Degree,
Criminology



Provided by middle schools, high schools, employers, Ohio Tech Centers, and colleges.

Preparing students for multiple options after high school:
gainful employment and/or postsecondary study.

Ohio In-demand Occupations

Data reflects 2014 Ohio labor statistics and public institutions of higher education for 2013-2014. For specific tuition costs, visit ohiohighered.org.



Law and Public Safety Career Pathway

Secondary Pathway: **Criminal Justice**

Postsecondary Program: **Criminal Justice**

An Example of Courses with Secondary and Postsecondary Credits

Secondary	7 8	English I	Algebra I	Physical Science	Social Studies	Fine Arts	American Criminal Justice System		
	9 10	English II	Geometry	Biology	World History	Health (.5) PE (.5)	Security & Protective Services	World Languages	
	11	English III	Algebra II	Chemistry	U.S. History	Police Work & Practice in Public Safety	Investigations & Forensics	World Languages	
	12	English IV	Trigonometry/ Calculus	Psychology	U.S. Government	Correctional System & Services	Homeland Security	Law & Public Safety Capstone	
Postsecondary	Year 1 1st Semester	English Composition I	College Algebra	Psychology	Criminal Justice	Ethics in Criminal Justice	Basic Investigations		
	Year 1 2nd Semester	English Composition II	Basic Chemistry	Abnormal Psychology	Public Administration	Constitutional Law & Courts	Criminal Law & Procedure		
	Year 2 1st Semester	Communication	Intro to Sociology	Human Diversity	Criminology	Correctional System	Victimology		
	Year 2 2nd Semester	Homeland Security	Correctional Management	Juvenile Process	Probation & Parole	Current Issues in Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice Practicum		

High School Career-Technical Education Program Courses

High School Courses for Postsecondary Credit (Including Apprenticeship Hours) and the Corresponding Postsecondary Courses

Required Courses

Recommended Electives

Visit education.ohio.gov/CareerConnections for reference information.

Course titles and sequences will vary between schools.

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