

Northern Virginia Community College 2008-2009 Catalog

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Associate of Applied Science Degree

AN, MA, WO

Purpose: The curriculum is designed to provide a broad foundation that will prepare students to enter any of the varied fields in criminal justice or to prepare for professional advancement. The occupational objectives for students include local, state, and federal enforcement officers, police officers, private or government investigators, adult/juvenile correction officers, probation/parole officers and counselors, security director (manager), loss prevention director, classification manager, and personnel clearance administrator. Most of the ADJ courses in this curriculum are "core courses" that provide a basic entry-level foundation in both criminal justice and security administration. These courses must be taken by **ALL STUDENTS** in this program. At several points in the curriculum "course options" are provided for selection by the students.

Special Curriculum Admission Requirements: Students are advised that many criminal justice and private/government security agencies require excellent moral character and a written record of conduct prior to consideration for employment.

Two Years		Credits
1st Semester		
ADJ	100 Survey of Criminal Justice	3
¹ ADJ	111 Law Enforcement Organization and Administration I	3
ADJ	Elective or BUS 100 Introduction to Business	3
ENG	111 College Composition I	3
² PED	116 Lifetime Fitness & Wellness	1
³ ___	Social Science Elective	3
SDV	Elective	<u>1</u>
	Total	17
2nd Semester		
ADJ	105 The Juvenile Justice System	3
ADJ	107 Survey of Criminology	3
⁴ ADJ	Elective or ADJ 159 Physical Security	3
⁵ MTH	151 Mathematics for the Liberal Arts I	3
² PED/RPK	Elective	1
³ ___	Social Science Elective	<u>3</u>
	Total	16
3rd Semester		
ADJ	211 Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures I	3
ADJ	216 Organized Crime & Corruption	3
ADJ	236 Prin. of Criminal Investigation or ADJ 234 Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism	3
⁶ ___	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
ITE	115 Intro. to Computer Applications and Concepts	3
SPD	110 Intro. to Speech Communication	<u>3</u>
	Total	18
4th Semester		
ADJ	133 Ethics and the Criminal Justice Professional	3
ADJ	212 Criminal Law, Evidence and Procedures II	3
ADJ	237 Adv. Criminal Investigation or ADJ 228 Narcotics & Dangerous Drugs or ADJ 248 Probation/Parole/Treatment	3
⁴ ADJ	Elective or ADJ 255 Security Management or ADJ 256 Information Security	3
PLS	135 American National Politics or HIS 121 U.S. History I	<u>3</u>
	Total	15

Total credits for the A.A.S. Degree in Administration of Justice = 66.

Although not required as part of this program, students planning to transfer to George Mason University (GMU) may wish to complete eight hours of a laboratory science while attending NOVA. Check the current GMU *Catalog* or contact a GMU faculty advisor if you have questions.

¹ ADJ 140 Introduction to Corrections or ADJ 150 Introduction to Security Administration may be substituted.

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² The PED requirements may be met by one of the following options: PED 116, 2 cr.; PED 116, 1 cr., plus a PED activities course, 1 cr.; or PED 116, 1 cr., plus RPK activities course. PED 116 is offered as both a 1-credit and a 2-credit course.

³ The social science elective may be selected from the social/behavioral sciences courses listed under General Education Electives. PSY 201-202 or Sociology 201-202 are recommended.

⁴ Students interested in a career in the field of corrections should take corrections courses as ADJ electives.

⁵ May substitute a higher-level math.

⁶ Humanities/fine arts elective may be selected from the humanities/fine arts courses listed under General Education Electives.