

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.S. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

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**Begin Campus:** Greater Allegheny

**End Campus:** Greater Allegheny

## Program Description

Students receiving an associate degree in criminal justice should understand each of the three main components of the criminal justice system and their interrelationships. This program includes study in law enforcement, courts, and corrections individually and as components of a system, plus work in theories of crime causation, and crime control policy. Students should expect reading, writing, and critical thinking skills to be rigorously applied and developed throughout the degree program. The Associate in Science degree in Criminal Justice prepares students for entry-level positions in criminal justice or for study at the baccalaureate level.

## What is Criminal Justice?

Criminal justice is the study of the adult and juvenile justice systems, including law enforcement, the courts, and corrections. It is interdisciplinary and includes understanding the intersections of law, public policy, and behavioral science, in an effort to understand crime as a social problem and improve these systems for the good of society.

## You Might Like This Program If...

You have an interest in working in corrections, courts, court administration, law enforcement, and probation and parole. Students completing this course of study are prepared to enter entry level positions in the criminal justice system, or complete the baccalaureate level.

MORE INFORMATION ABOUT CRIMINAL JUSTICE (<http://altoona.psu.edu/academics/bachelors-degrees/criminal-justice/>)