

Criminal Justice

EMPHASIS: Criminal Justice

DEGREE: Associate in Arts

Purpose:

This degree prepares students to transfer to a baccalaureate institution and major in criminal justice. A B.A. degree prepares students to work in criminal justice and government agencies (federal, state, or local) or the private sector. Graduates may enter careers in state and local law enforcement, community corrections, federal law enforcement or in the private sector.

Learning Themes:

General education outcomes at Centralia College help students, faculty, and the general public identify exactly what learning is expected when a student has completed a degree or program. The administration, faculty, and staff have agreed upon the following five Learning Ability Themes which students can expect to encounter in most courses and by the completion of any degree or program.

Reasoning:

The ability to extract information from data, develop ideas and solutions, establish logical progression in thinking, and problem solve using such procedures as literary analysis or the scientific methods.

Written, Oral and Visual Communication:

The ability to make oneself understood in public, interpersonal, professional, artistic, and technical arenas.

Exploration-Self and Others:

An awareness of the values, beliefs, customs, and contributions of persons from one's own and other traditions, ethnicities, classes, and genders.

Resourcefulness:

The ability to adapt to change, such as technological innovations or environmental conditions.

Responsibility:

The ability to be accountable to self, society, and the natural world.

Note: Students who plan on transferring to the University of Washington will also need to take one full-year of a foreign language if they have not studied that language for the required amount of time in high school. Also, students going to the University of Washington may wish to take at least one five-credit designated writing course.

The Associate in Arts degree represents the broad knowledge generally acquired in the first two years of a four-year program leading to a Bachelor of Arts degree. When you have earned the AA from Centralia College, you may transfer to a baccalaureate institution within the state of Washington with assurance that you have satisfied all or most of the basic requirements (General University Requirements or Distribution Requirements). This means, generally, that AA transfer students can begin work on their specialized, major-area course-work as soon as they transfer.

Centralia College has direct AA-degree transfer agreements with the following colleges:

Central Washington University - Cornish College of the Arts - Eastern Washington University - Gonzaga University - Griffin College - Northwest College - Pacific Lutheran University - Saint Martin's University - Seattle Pacific University - Seattle University - The Evergreen State College - University of Washington - Washington State University - Western Washington University - Whitworth College

Estimated Quarterly Program Costs (subject to change without notice)

Tests: ASSET/COMPASS	\$10
Resident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$950
US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$1071
Non US Citizen Nonresident Tuition (15 credits) and fixed fees*:	\$2768
*Tuition is subject to change due to State Legislative actions	
Books and supplies (estimate):	\$308
Lab fees:	Refer to quarterly class schedule.