



Criminal Justice

General Information

Northwest Florida State College offers an Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree in **Criminal Justice Technology** and vocational credit certificate programs in **Corrections** and **Law Enforcement**. Students may complete a vocational certificate while working on the A.A.S. degree requirements. The A.A.S. and certificate programs provide students with the educational background necessary for immediate entry into the job market.

The NWF State College Law Enforcement and Corrections Basic Recruit Academy programs require a separate application and entry requirements. The academy programs prepare students for state certification that qualifies graduates for city, county or state jobs throughout Florida. Certification also transfers to other states and training qualifies for future credits toward dual certification. NWF State College is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement certified program and the region's designated Criminal Justice Training Center.

NWF State College also offers a Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Project Management (B.A.S.). This degree has a specialization in Public Service Management. For more information on this and other four-year degrees, students should speak to a NWF State College advisor.

Accreditation

Northwest Florida State College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate and associate degrees, certificates and diplomas. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Northwest Florida State College.

What is Criminal Justice?

The safety, order, and freedom of society depends on our criminal justice professionals. These men and women are law enforcement officers, security officers, detectives, investigators, deputy sheriffs, correctional officers, and public safety administrators. Their job duties include investigating complaints, handling traffic emergencies, arresting violators, managing inmates in jails and prisons, researching information on suspected criminals, and issuing citations.

Criminal Justice Technology graduates are qualified for positions with police departments, sheriff's offices, prisons, courts, probation agencies, parole agencies, and private industries. NWF State College Basic Recruit Academy graduates in Law Enforcement and Corrections are qualified to take the State officer Certification Exam (SOCE) to qualify for county, city or state jobs throughout Florida.

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Northwest Florida State College Criminal Justice Training Center

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To begin the Criminal Justice Technology degree or Basic Recruit Academy programs in Corrections or Law Enforcement:

Criminal Justice Technology A.A.S degree program:

- ❖ Have a high school diploma or GED high school equivalent diploma. If you have not yet completed a diploma you may apply for admission, but must complete a diploma before you are admitted as a degree-seeking student.
- ❖ Submit NWF State College admission & residency forms to NWF State College.
- ❖ Request official transcripts from high school, GED or any post-secondary institution attended.
- ❖ Meet with an advisor to plan a program of study before enrolling in classes.

Law Enforcement or Corrections Academy Requirements:

- ❖ Pass FBAT test (Testing available through NWF State College) prior to completing academy application. Contact (850) 729-5227 for test times.
- ❖ Complete NWF State College Admission/Residency forms.
- ❖ Complete an Academy application.
- ❖ Pass a background check.

To apply for admission to the Basic Recruit Academy, contact the NWF State College Criminal Justice Training Center at 729-5378



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What is the job outlook and salary range?

According to U.S. Department of Labor statistics, jobs are expected to continue growing through 2018. A more security-conscious society and concern about drug related crimes will contribute to the increasing demand for police services as well as trained correctional officers and other public safety professionals. Starting salaries in the region for entry-level jobs in the criminal justice field range from \$24,000-\$34,000 a year. The regional demand for Corrections and Law Enforcement academy graduates fluctuates, but is generally strong. Both Northwest Florida State College Basic Recruit Academy programs boast excellent job placement rates for graduates.

Can I work while enrolled?

The general coursework for the A.A.S. degree in Criminal Justice is offered in both day and evening format at all seven NWF State College locations. Coursework for the Basic Recruit Academies in Law Enforcement and Corrections are held in both day and evening formats. Specialized training in firearms and defense tactics is held at the Niceville campus. Classes are typically offered every semester.

What is the cost of the program?

NWF State College fees are the lowest in Florida of any state college or university. A special in-state fee is available at NWF State College for Alabama residents. Vocational credit courses carry lower fees. Expenses such as textbooks and materials are additional. See www.nwfsc.edu for current fees.

Is Financial Aid available?

The mission of NWF State College is to serve everyone who can benefit from a college education. NWF State College offers an extensive financial aid program. More than \$21 million in financial assistance is awarded to NWF State College students annually through federal, state, and local grants, college work-study, loans and scholarships. For detailed information on financial aid and a complete list of available scholarships, refer to the NWF State College catalog, the NWF State College Financial Aid Office or visit the Financial Aid website at www.nwfsc.edu/financialaid.

I've taken courses at another college, will these count toward this program?

Have your transcripts (of work completed at any regionally accredited college) sent to the NWF State College Registrar's Office. Appropriate college staff will evaluate any previous courses you have taken and you will be notified if any may be applied to the Criminal Justice program of study.

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Associate of Applied Science:

General Education Courses	Credit Hours
Communications.....	3
Humanities.....	3
Mathematics.....	3
Science.....	4
Social Science.....	3
General Education Elective.....	2
General Education Credits Required.....	18

A.A.S. Degree Criminal Justice Option

Core Courses	Credit Hours
CCJ1020 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CCJ1000 Introduction to Criminology.....	3
CJL1100 Criminal Law.....	3
CJL1400 Criminal Procedures.....	3
CJC2500 Courts and the Criminal Process.....	3
Total Core Credits Required.....	15
Total Technical Electives Required.....	31
Total Credits Required.....	64

See College Catalog for A.A.S. degree Law Enforcement or Corrections Academy Options.

Vocational Credit Certificate:

Law Enforcement Basic:

Core Courses	Vocational Credit Hours
CJK0007 Intro to Law Enforcement.....	0.40
CJK0008 Legal.....	2.40
CJK0011 Human Issues.....	1.40
CJK0017 Communications.....	2.60
CJK0020 CMS Vehicle Ops.....	1.60
CJK0031 First Aid for CJ Officers.....	1.60
CJK0040 CMS Firearms.....	2.70
CJK0051 CMS Defensive Tactics.....	2.70
CJK0061 Patrol.....	2.00
CJK0062 Patrol II.....	1.40
CJK0071 Criminal Investigations.....	1.90
CJK0076 Crime Scene Investigations.....	0.80
CJK0082 Traffic Stops.....	0.80
CJK0083 DUI Traffic Stops.....	0.80
CJK0086 Traffic Crash Inv.....	1.10
CJK0096A CJ Physical Fitness I.....	0.70
CJK0096B CJ Physical Fitness II.....	0.70
CJK0096C CJ Physical Fitness III.....	0.70
CJK0422 Dart-Firing Stun Gun.....	0.30
Total Program Credits Required.....	26.6

Corrections Basic:

Core Courses	Vocational Credit Hours
CJK0031 First Aid for CJ Officers.....	1.60
CJK0040 Firearms.....	2.70
CJK0051 Defensive Tactics.....	2.70
CJK0096A CJ Physical Fitness I.....	0.70
CJK0096B CJ Physical Fitness II.....	0.70
CJK0100 Interpersonal Skills I.....	2.30
CJK0101 Interpersonal Skills II.....	1.80
CJK0102 Correctional Operations.....	2.20
CJK0270 Legal I.....	1.60
CJK0285 Legal II.....	0.80
CJK0286 Communications.....	1.50
CJK0480 Emergency Preparedness.....	1.00
Total Program Credits Required.....	19.6

Gainful Employment Information

- **U.S. Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) Code:** 33-3051
- **Link(s) to Occupational Profile(s) on U.S. Department of Labor's O*NET:**
<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/33-3051.00>,
<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/33-3051.01>,
<http://www.onetonline.org/link/summary/33-3051.03>
- **On-time Graduation Rate¹:**
- **Tuition and Fees for Entire Program:**
- **Typical Costs for Books and Supplies for Entire Program:**
- **Job Placement Rate²:** TBD
- **Median Loan Debt Incurred (completers):** \$0.00

¹Source: NEXUS Student Information System

²Source: Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP)