

CENTRAL programs



An exciting career in

Criminal Justice

The magnitude and changing complexity of criminal activities dictate the need for criminal justice professionals who have a broad-based educational experience.

Central Wyoming College offers both vocational and transfer programs in Criminal Justice that may fit the needs for students who are interested in public service. The college also has a Pre-Legal Studies program designed to provide students with a strong foundation for the study and practice of law.



CAREER OPTIONS:

A degree in Criminal Justice will prepare you for rewarding work in Public Safety, Juvenile Justice, Victim Assistance, Law Enforcement, Crime Prevention, Loss Prevention, Corrections, Court Administration, Trial Processes and Research and Policymaking.

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The program includes general education courses from the college curriculum, specialized Criminal Justice core courses, essential interdisciplinary offerings, and suggested Criminal Justice requirements.

The Associate of Applied Science program is designed to meet the needs of pre-service and in-service criminal justice personnel as a terminal degree.

Alternately, the Associate of Arts program fulfills the initial two-year curriculum for many four-year Criminal Justice programs.

Individuals desiring a career in corrections, homeland security and law may benefit from this curriculum by selecting certain recommended courses in those areas. Students who plan a career in forensics, counseling or administration should also plan to take additional university and graduate studies.

Some of the courses offered in Criminal Justice include Introduction to Law Enforcement, Politics and the Judicial Process, Criminology, Introduction to Corrections and Introduction to Criminal Justice.

The Central Wyoming College criminal justice program offers an examination and appreciation for the complexity of the criminal justice system in the United States. The program is interdisciplinary in nature and draws on courses in communications, sociology, law, political science and related areas, in addition to the requisite criminal justice courses. The curricula is designed to further develop the student's critical thinking and judgmental skills, ethical decision making abilities and problem solving and communication skills throughout the program.

Courses in the homeland security area of emphasis focus on an overview of Homeland Security Law and on domestic and international terrorism. Detailed throughout the area of emphasis curricula are the skills and knowledge needed to support the homeland security mission of preventing terrorist attacks within the United States; reducing the United States' vulnerability to terrorism; minimizing damage and assisting in recovery of occurring terrorist attacks; acting as a focal point regarding a natural or man-made crisis; emergency planning; and monitoring connections between illegal drug trafficking and terrorism.

To be successful in a criminal justice career, a person must demonstrate the following professional attributes: integrity, analytical and critical thinking, independence, initiative, dependability, attention to detail, achievement/effort, innovation, persistence, and cooperation.

Rural Justice Training Center

The RJTC offers training opportunities for current law enforcement professionals specializing in justice, safety and corrections in rural settings. The facility was designed specifically for personnel of county sheriff departments, municipal police departments, county jails, rural jails and prisons, search and rescue teams and small fire departments.

Participants can hone important skills such as professional judgment and decision making, identification and resolution of criminal justice ethical issues, effective interpersonal communications, understanding and applying criminal and constitutional law and procedures, and understanding of weapon technology.

Individualized training for correctional officers includes coursework in skills necessary to be an effective law enforcement official in a jail or prison setting. These skills include the understanding of philosophy and ethics of punishment, management and administrative issues concerning incarceration, correctional continuum and use of technology.

Fire arms training available

CWC has two state-of-the-art Fire Arms Training Systems (FATS) to provide a complete virtual firearms training experience.

The Law Enforcement Training System provides a complete synthetic environment for an unequalled virtual training experience.

The Criminal Justice Department works in partnership with CWC's on campus Rural Justice Training Center (RJTC) (cwc.edu/rjtc) to provide additional learning and training experiences to criminal justice and homeland security students.

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