

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE - ASSOCIATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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The Criminal Justice Associate degree program prepares students for a career in the multifaceted criminal justice system. The curriculum, which covers a variety of topics in criminal justice, focuses on developing the ability to recognize and apply pertinent concepts and techniques while stressing the practical skills necessary to deal with complex social, political, and organizational factors. This program is structured around core courses, allowing students to acquire the basic knowledge and skills needed to work in law enforcement, private security, corrections, probation, and other related areas of criminal justice.

The Criminal Justice Associate degree program includes the study of substantive law, criminal justice, social sciences, humanities, behavioral sciences, natural sciences, and general education courses. The degree can be applied toward a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice or other majors at New Mexico State University.