



A Course of Study for

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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This program is designed for students who are interested in pursuing an entry-level job in the criminal justice field and need a working knowledge of the fundamental concepts in this area. This certificate comprises courses in the introduction to the administration of Justice, criminal law, evidence, criminal investigation and community and the justice system.

For additional career possibilities, visit the Career Services Center on the main campus to utilize computerized career information systems and other valuable career resources.

### PROGRAMS OFFERED

- Transfer Preparation
- Career Opportunities

### DEGREE AND CERTIFICATES

Associate Degree for Transfer

- Administration of Justice (*listed separately*)

Certificates of Achievement

- Criminal Justice

### CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT REQUIREMENTS

A Certificate of Achievement is granted upon successful completion of a program of study with a minimum overall grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 (C) and a **designated minimum number of units**, including:

- Completion of the area of emphasis with a grade of C or higher in each course, or with a P if the course was taken on a Pass/No Pass basis, and the P is equal to a C or higher;
- Completion of at least 50% of area of emphasis units at Santa Monica College. Department Chairs have the discretion to waive the 50% minimum units required at SMC to meet the major or area of emphasis. All major coursework must be completed with a "C" or better grade.

### CATALOG RIGHTS

A student may satisfy the requirements of a degree that were in effect at any time of the student's *continuous* enrollment. Continuous enrollment means attendance in at least one semester (Fall or Spring) in each academic year.

### TRANSFER PREPARATION

Students planning to transfer to a four-year college or university should refer to the transfer preparation information under Business.

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE, CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT****Program Learning Outcomes:**

- Demonstrate an understanding of the functions of the criminal justice system and apply key concepts to this setting.
- Explain the procedures that govern the progression of a case from arrest through sentencing and beyond.
- Analyze the evolutionary processes in criminal investigation.
- Evaluate the admissibility of different types of evidence for trial.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the strategies for effective and just policing in a diverse society.

**AREA OF EMPHASIS: (15 UNITS)****Required Courses:**

AD JUS 1	Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
AD JUS 2	Concepts of Criminal Law	3
AD JUS 3	Legal Aspects of Evidence	3
AD JUS 5	Criminal Investigation	3
AD JUS 67	Community and the Justice System	3