

Central Ohio Technical College

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Degrees that *Work*

The mission of Central Ohio Technical College is to meet the technical education and training needs of students and employers in the area.

Criminal Justice Technology

Criminal Justice Option • Criminal Justice Wellness Option

Program Summary

Criminal Justice Option

Central Ohio Technical College offers a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice. Students will complete courses in general education, basic and technical courses.

Criminal Justice Option is designed for students who are interested in a career in criminal justice but do not seek to be a certified peace officer with authority to carry a firearm.

The Criminal Justice Wellness Option allows students who are undecided between Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement to take Wellness classes the first four academic quarters while following the Criminal Justice plan of study. Taking the Wellness classes will allow a Criminal Justice student to move into Law Enforcement in the second year if the student decides to change to this option.

Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate competency requirements in entry-level positions in the Criminal Justice System;
- Demonstrate knowledge through the study of general education courses with enhanced communications skills (both written and spoken), and a comprehensive knowledge of human behavior dynamics through the behavioral science courses;
- Identify and demonstrate problem-solving skills that will correlate to those they will be challenged by within their field of technology upon employment;
- Perform their professional duties with highest regard for the United States Constitution;

- Develop independent and lifelong learning habits;
- Prepare to meet state requirements for certification;
- Prepared to transfer to a four-year college or university to receive a baccalaureate degree in Criminal Justice after completing their Associate Degree of Applied Science at Central Ohio Technical College.

Career Opportunities

Graduates of this program have jobs as:

- Correctional officers
- Juvenile probation officers
- Adult probation officers

Important Student Characteristics

- Good physical conditioning
- Good reading skills
- Accountability
- Excellent time management skills
- Capable verbal and written communications
- Basic computer skills

Admission Requirements

Applicants must complete COTC general admissions requirements which include:

- Submit the Application for Admission form with \$20 non-refundable application fee.
- Complete COTC Placement Assessment or proof of waiver eligibility.
- Submit official high school transcript with date of graduation indicated. If not a high school graduate, copy of G.E.D. certificate or meet Ability to Benefit admission criteria on COMPASS Placement Test.

- Submit official college transcript from all colleges previously attended.

Sample Curriculum

*Required for Criminal Justice Wellness Option

Course Title	Credit Hours
First Quarter	
Psychology of Adjustment	5.00
Principles of Computing	1.00
Composition I	4.00
Principles of Criminal Justice	4.00
Government and Courts	3.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	17.00
Wellness I*	0.50
Second Quarter	
Abnormal Psychology	3.00
Composition II	4.00
Constitutional Law and Evidence	4.00
Non-Technical Elective - Mathematics	5.00
Technical Elective	1.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	17.00
Wellness II*	0.50
Third Quarter	
Sociology	3.00
Effective Communications	4.00
Ethics in Criminal Justice	4.00
Non-Technical Elective - Lab Science	5.00
Technical Elective	1.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	17.00
Wellness III*	0.50
Fourth Quarter	
Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice	3.00
Public Administration	4.00
Criminal Law and Procedure	3.00
Basic Investigation	4.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	14.00
Wellness IV*	0.50

Fifth Quarter

Cultural Diversity	3.00
Adult/Juvenile Corrections	4.00
Criminology	4.00
Juvenile Process	4.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	15.00

Sixth Quarter

Probation and Parole	4.00
Homeland Security	4.00
Public Service Practicum	2.00
Human Relations in Criminal Justice	4.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	14.00

Seventh Quarter

Drugs and the Criminal Justice System	4.00
Correctional Management	4.00
Community Based Correction	4.00
Victimology	3.00
<i>Total Credit Hours:</i>	15.00
<i>Program Total Credit Hours:</i>	109.00

COTC is also a member of the American Association for Higher Education, the American Association of Community Colleges, the American Council on Education, the American Technical Education Association, Inc., the Ohio Association of Two-Year Colleges and the Ohio College Association.

How do I Start?

If you are a new student, you may apply online at www.cotc.edu. You may also contact the **Gateway - Office of Admissions** for more information:

E-mail: cotcadmissions@cotc.edu

Newark Campus 740.366.9494
800.963.9275 Ext. 494

Coshocton Campus 740.622.1408

Knox Campus 740.392.2526

Pataskala Campus 740.964.7090

Returning COTC students should contact the **Gateway- Office of Academic Advising** at 740.366.9422 or 800.963.9275 Ext. 422.

For specific questions regarding Criminal Justice Technology contact Gateway - Office of Academic Advising at cotcadvising@cotc.edu.

Accreditation/ Membership

Central Ohio Technical College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

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