

Juvenile Justice, Certificate

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Are you interested in a career in the juvenile justice system? This program offers you more specialized knowledge about youth's involvement in justice systems.

Description

The curriculum of the juvenile justice certificate program covers key topics focused on justice-involved youth, including theoretical perspectives on why youth engage in delinquent acts; life-course criminology and how key turning points in life impact trajectories of youth; the number of youth who engage in delinquency who have a prior history of victimization; and juvenile justice and how the criminal justice system, including police, courts and correctional agencies, responds to youth.

At a glance

- **College/School:** [Watts College of Public Service & Community Solut](#)
- **Location:** [Downtown Phoenix](#) or [Online](#)

Program requirements

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Required Core -- 9 credit hours

[CRJ 204: Juvenile Justice](#) (3)
[CRJ 404: Juvenile Delinquency](#) (3)
[CRJ 425: Life-Course Criminology](#) (3)

Electives (choose two) -- 6 credit hours

[CDE 312 / SOC 312: Adolescence \(SOBE OR SB\)](#) (3)
[CDE 450: Childhood Disorders and Family Functioning \(L\)](#) (3)

CRJ 462: Gangs (3)

CRJ 494: Children and The Law (3)

Notes: Other juvenile justice-related topics may be substituted.

JUS 477: Youth and Justice (SOBE OR L or SB) (3)

PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SOBE OR SB) (3)

TEL 315: Child and Adolescent Development (3)

At least 12 credit hours must be taken in residence at ASU.

A "C" (2.00 on a 4.00 scale) or better is required in all coursework required for the certificate.

Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice majors who are also pursuing the Juvenile Justice certificate may not use CRJ 404, CRJ 425, and their chosen electives (CRJ 462 and/or, CRJ 494) towards both their degree and certificate.

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

Enrollment requirements

Completion of the following prerequisite courses with grades of "C" or higher are required for enrollment in the certificate program:

- CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- completion of PSY 230 or one of the following two-course sequences in research methods and statistics with a grade of "C" or higher: CRJ 302/CRJ 303 or JUS 301/JUS 302 or PSY 290/PSY 230 or SOC 391/SOC 390 or SWU 320/SWU 321 or FAS 361/SOC 390

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a nondegree-seeking graduate student. Bachelor of Science in criminology and criminal justice majors who are also pursuing the juvenile justice certificate may not use CRJ 404, CRJ 425, or their chosen electives (CRJ 462 or, CRJ 494) toward both their degree and certificate.

Attend online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may [view the program's ASU Online page](#) for program descriptions and to request more information.

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Demonstrate an understanding of how the criminal justice system, including police, courts, and correctional agencies, can best respond to juvenile delinquent acts through a comprehension of risk and protective factors.
- Apply knowledge about the nature of delinquency into the analysis of appropriate responses to delinquent acts.
- Illustrate competency in life-course theories of social control.

Career opportunities

Those who complete this certificate have developed expertise in understanding youth crime and responses to it. This expertise prepares them for employment opportunities in juvenile courts, juvenile probation and corrections, and social service agencies.

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