Juvenile Justice, Certificate

Are you interested in a career working in the juvenile justice system? This program offers you more specialized knowledge about juveniles' involvement in delinquent acts and about the criminal justice system.

Description

This certificate program in juvenile justice provides students in-depth knowledge on theory, policy and practice related to juvenile delinquency and justice.

The curriculum covers key topics related to delinquent and criminal behavior committed by those under 18 years of age. These topics include a focus on juvenile delinquency and theoretical perspectives on why juveniles engage in delinquent acts; life-course criminology and how key turning points in life impact trajectories of crime and delinquency; and juvenile justice and how the criminal justice system, including police, courts and correctional agencies, respond to delinquent acts.

At a Glance

- **College/School:** Watts College of Public Service & Community Solutions
- **Location:** Downtown Phoenix or Online

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2022 - 2023 Certificate Map

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 (SB) (3)
CDE 450: Childhood Disorders and Family Functioning (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 (L or SB) (3)
PSY 341: Developmental Psychology (SB) (3)
TEL 315: Child and Adolescent Development (L or SB) (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.

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 one of the following two-course sequences in research methods and statistics with a grade of "C" or higher is required for enrollment in the certificate program: 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 OR PSY 230

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.

Attend Online

ASU Online

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information here.

Career Opportunities
Students completing this certificate develop 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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