

# Legal Issues in Criminal Justice, Certificate

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A myriad of laws govern the investigation of crime and the prosecution of offenders. In this certificate program, you'll explore a range of issues that affect criminal justice professionals, including the law, crimes and defenses, searches and seizures, interrogations and confessions, and constitutional rights during adjudication processes.

## Description

The legal issues in criminal justice certificate program focuses on the intersection of policy and its effects on the criminal justice system. Topics include a focus on law and theoretical perspectives regarding the ramifications of certain policies in the field of criminal justice.

Students seeking more specialized knowledge about legal consequences of policy on the criminal justice system or those interested in careers in the public sector, law or the criminal justice system should consider this certificate program.

## At a glance

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

## Program requirements

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**Required Core -- 15 credit hours**

[CRJ 203: Courts and Sentencing](#) (3)

[CRJ 260: Criminal Law I: Introduction to Substantive Criminal Law](#) (3)

CRJ 410: Criminal Procedure I: The Law of Investigations (3)

CRJ 416: Criminal Procedure II: Adjudication (3)

CRJ 460: Criminal Law II: Advanced Substantive Criminal Law (3)

### **Electives -- 3 credit hours**

CRJ 321: Evidence: Imperatives of Proof (3)

CRJ 350: Law and Social Control (SB) (3)

CRJ 411: Legal Issues in Corrections (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 Legal Issues in Criminal Justice certificate may not use CRJ 410, CRJ 416, CRJ 460, and their chosen elective (CRJ 321, CRJ 350, or CRJ 411) towards both their degree and certificate.

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

## **Enrollment requirements**

Students must complete CRJ 100 Introduction to Criminal Justice with a grade of "C" or better (scale is 4.00 = "A") to be admitted to the certificate program. This course may be taken at ASU or transferred from another institution, including a community college.

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.

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## **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 competency in explaining how the criminal court systems of the United States apply the law to pretrial, adjudication, and sentencing processes.
- Demonstrate competency in explaining the criminal process and Constitutional rights.
- Demonstrate competency in the historical development of criminal law, and the public policy implications of it.

## **Career opportunities**

Students are prepared for employment opportunities in public policy, law enforcement and corrections, law firms and social service agencies.

## **Contact information**

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