

PATHWAY | CRIMINAL JUSTICE

PATHWAY DESCRIPTION

YEAR 1

Principles of Criminal Justice covers the purposes, functions, and history of the three primary parts of the criminal justice system: law enforcement, courts, and corrections. This course further explores the interrelationships and responsibilities of these three primary elements of the criminal justice system.

YEAR 2

Law Enforcement Fundamentals introduces students to criminology theory and the structure and practice of modern law enforcement. Students examine how theory informs criminal justice practice and analyze criminal behavior across multiple levels of analysis.

- Major criminological theories and perspectives, including research support and application to criminal justice practice
- Analysis of violent and non-violent criminal behavior at the individual (micro) and societal (macro) levels
- Foundations, organization, and evolution of law enforcement at the federal, state, and local levels

YEAR 3

Corrections and Cultural Awareness examines the U.S. criminal justice and corrections systems through historical, cultural, and policy lenses, emphasizing multidisciplinary and multicultural perspectives.

- **Systems & Administration:** Structure and operations of local, state, and federal correctional agencies, including jails, prisons, probation, and parole
- **Policies & Practices:** History and evolution of correctional policy, sentencing, prisoner rights, rehabilitation, and alternative sanctions
- **Contemporary Issues:** Current philosophies, technologies, special populations, and debates on the effectiveness of correctional approaches



YEAR
1

7193 Principles of Criminal Justice

- IDOE Course 7193, 2 Semesters
- CRIM 101 & CRIM 134

YEAR
2

7191 Law Enforcement Fundamentals

- IDOE Course 7191, 2 Semesters

YEAR
3

7188 Corrections and Cultural Awareness

- IDOE Course 7188, 2 Semesters

Students MUST complete all pathway classes with a 73% or better



CAREER OPTIONS

- Forensic Analyst
- Police Officer
- Detective
- Corrections Officer
- Probation Officer
- FBI Agent
- Crime Scene Investigator
- Court Administrator
- Paralegal
- Victim Advocate
- Private Investigator
- Homeland Security Agent
- & more!