

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE



Program Information

Do you desire to make the world a better and safer place? Do you believe in justice and protection? If so, studying criminal justice at San Jacinto College is an excellent place to begin.

Our program prepares you for a variety of exciting and meaningful careers—law enforcement, emergency management, homeland security, corrections, probation, parole, and even social work. We offer a degree plan that prepares you for a career in criminal justice—one of the most popular, fascinating, and fastest growing fields. Choose this path, and you will be serving society with a chance to make the world a better place.

The San Jacinto College Criminal Justice program:

- Offers students a career that gives back to their community. When you study criminal justice at San Jacinto College, you are supporting safety as you train to serve as a professional in the criminal justice field;
- Prepares students to specialize in studies for their long-term goals that can lead to rewarding careers in social work, the FBI, pre-law, homeland security, and emergency management; and
- Is best for those individuals who want to pursue a challenging career in a criminal justice profession. Criminal justice is today's *new* liberal arts degree.

Additional Information

The Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree offers the educational foundation needed in policing, social work, corrections, probation, and parole. In addition, the program has certificates that focus on educational direction and are centered around professional fields.

Working police officers who have completed a basic police academy and passed the state's licensing exam may be eligible to earn credit for prior learning through San Jacinto College once they complete at least one credit hour in Criminal Justice courses. Students may contact the Department Chair for more information.

Career Opportunities

- Police Officers
- Parole Officers
- Probation Officers

- Adult Protective Service Officers
- Child Protective Service Officers
- Social Workers
- Pre-law
- Emergency Management
- Homeland Security
- FBI

Earning Potential

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office dispatcher starting salary: \$20.69 per hour¹

Brazoria County Sheriff's Office detention deputy starting salary: \$23.25 per hour¹

Harris County detention officer starting salary: \$41,080 per year²

Pasadena Police Department patrol officer starting salary: \$69,945 per year³

Rosenberg Police Department police officer starting salary: \$63,470 per year⁴

Webster Police Department police officer starting salary: \$65,631 per year⁵

¹ Source: www.brazoria-county.com, 2023

² Source: <https://www.harriscountysoc.org/Default.aspx>, 2023

³ Source: <https://www.pasadenatx.gov/633/Employment-Opportunities>, 2023

⁴ Source: www.rosenbergpolice.com, 2023

⁵ Source: www.cityofwebster.com, 2023

For more information, students may contact Central campus, 281-476-1873; or North campus, 281-998-6350, x7435.

Campuses

Central Campus

North Campus

San Jac Online