

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS



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Prepare Today. Protect Tomorrow

The Criminal Justice program provides a fully transferable degree for students aiming to complete a bachelor's in criminal justice or related fields. It fulfills the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Criminal Justice Field of Study and the core curriculum, ensuring smooth course transfer to public four-year universities in Texas. Graduates will be well-prepared for further study, with a strong foundational understanding of the legal system, institutions, and practices.

Career Opportunities and Income

Visit [sanjac.edu](https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/) (<https://www.sanjac.edu/programs/areas-of-study/social-behavioral-sciences/criminal-justice/>) for information regarding career opportunities and potential earnings in the Greater Houston region.

Learning & Career Pathway

The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice is primarily intended to support student transfer to a four-year bachelor's degree program at a university.

This degree was created through a statewide effort to make a more universal plan of study for students. You can learn more about Texas Direct on the Plan of Study tab. If you follow the plan, including the Directed Electives for the university you plan to transfer to, all your courses will transfer together and count directly toward your chosen major.

Learning Outcomes and Career Skills

A student completing this transfer associate degree will be able to:

- Professionally communicate [written and oral] through interviewing, interacting, de-escalation, and using command presence properly.
- Examine how Constitutional guidelines mandate, influence, and restrict the application of law.
- Analyze data to determine crime rates and reduction strategies.
- Work collaboratively with others.
- Analyze criminal justice in a professional and ethical manner.
- Analyze behavior of individuals, groups, or institutions and provide critical analysis of its impacts on society.
- Apply the elements of law that must be proven in a criminal case.