About the Program
• The TCTC Criminal Justice program prepares students for careers in law enforcement and beyond. Classroom training and field experiences also train you for careers in corrections and detention centers; communications and dispatch; victim and witness advocacy; court clerkships; pardon, probation and parole; and the fast-growing area of private security.
• Build a competitive and marketable resume for positions in the criminal justice system, including law enforcement, courts, and corrections.
• Characteristics of a successful CRJ student include caring nature, compassionate, reasonable, and articulate. Students must seek to make their communities a safer place for all.

About the Pathway
• Earn 12 hours of college credit that you can use toward an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice Technology. Additional college credit may be earned through Technical Advanced Placement (TAP).
• Students may also specialize in the following disciplines: Law Enforcement Operations, or Paralegal Studies. Upon entry to Tri-County after high school, please see your advisor for these pathways.
• Take your dual enrollment classes at a TCTC Campus alongside college students or at a college site in your district.

Criminal Justice Technology CAREER PATHWAY

IN HIGH SCHOOL
12th Grade:
1st Semester
• ENG 101 • MAT 155 or MAT 120*

2nd Semester
• SPC 205 • PSY 201

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION + 12 HOURS OF COLLEGE CREDIT

AFTER HIGH SCHOOL CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

FALL
• CRJ 101 • CRJ 115 • CRJ 242 • CRJ 222

SPRING
• CRJ 116 • CRJ 224 • CRJ 125 • Humanities

SUMMER
• CRJ 140 • CRJ 230 • Program Elective • Program Elective

FALL
• SFT 109 • CRJ 140 • Program Elective • Program Elective

SPRING
• CRJ 236 • CRJ 260 • PSY 207

SC Mean Annual Wages
$48,480-$63,680

AFTER TCTC GRADUATION
Transfer Opportunities with 4-year universities

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Anderson University

BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Columbia College

BACHELOR OF SCIENCES DEGREE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES
Southern Wesleyan University

BACHELOR OF SCIENCES DEGREE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE
USC Upstate

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CRIMINAL JUSTICE TECHNOLOGY COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Criminal Justice majors acquire the knowledge and skills needed to become working professionals in the very diverse criminal justice system, including law enforcement, security, court support, corrections, and many other human service positions.

CRJ 101 - INTRODUCTION TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes an overview of the functions and responsibilities of agencies involved in the administration of justice to include police organizations, court systems, correctional systems, and juvenile justice agencies.

CRJ 115 - CRIMINAL LAW I
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course covers the development of criminal law in America. The basic elements of specific criminal offenses, criminal defenses, and various legal principles upon which criminal law is established are reviewed.

CRJ 116 - CRIMINAL LAW II
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes a study of criminal procedures and analyses, from the legal perspective, the process from arrest to sentencing.

CRJ 125 - CRIMINOLOGY
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the various theories of crime causation and control, the identification of criminal typologies, and the reaction of society to crime and criminals.

CRJ 140 - CRIMINAL JUSTICE REPORT WRITING
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the proper preparation and retention of criminal justice records and reports, including observational skills, formatting, and the value of accurate, complete, and selective written articulation of information and observations.

CRJ 222 - ETHICS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the application of ethical theories to the criminal justice profession.

CRJ 224 - POLICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the importance of two-way communication between the criminal justice system and the community to foster a working relationship to control crime. A variety of topics are studied, including citizen involvement in crime prevention and police officer interpersonal relations.

CRJ 230 - CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION I
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the fundamentals of interviewing witnesses and interrogating suspects. Different methods of conducting crime scene searches and methods used in investigating various crimes are studied in the course.

CRJ 236 - CRIMINAL EVIDENCE
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the established rules of evidence from arrest to release in the administration of criminal justice.

CRJ 242 - CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is an introduction to aspects of the correctional function in criminal justice, including organization, process, procedure, and clients incarcerated and on conditional release.

CRJ 260 - SEMINAR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes a study of new trends in criminal justice. This capstone course explores contemporary criminal justice perspectives and theoretical approaches to the study and understanding of the criminal justice system.

ENG 101 - ENGLISH COMPOSITION I
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This is a (college transfer) course in which the following topics are presented: a study of composition in conjunction with appropriate literary selections, with frequent theme assignments to reinforce effective writing. A review of standard usage and the basic techniques of research are also presented.

MAT 120 - PROBABILITY AND STATISTICS
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes the following topics: introductory probability and statistics, including organization of data; sample space concepts; random variables; counting problems; binomial and normal distributions; central limit theorem; confidence intervals and test hypothesis for large and small samples; types I and II errors; linear regression and correlation.

MAT 155 - CONTEMPORARY MATHEMATICS
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
The course includes techniques and applications of the following topics: properties of and operations with real numbers, elementary algebra, consumer mathematics, applied geometry, measurements, graph sketching and interpretations, and descriptive statistics.

MAT 156 - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN STATISTICS
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes the following topics: introductory statistics and computer applications.

MAT 157 - COMPUTER APPLICATIONS IN STATISTICS II
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
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MAT 201 - BUSINESS MATH
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is an introduction to business mathematics and its applications.

PSY 201 - GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course includes the following topics and concepts in the science of behavior: scientific method, biological bases for behavior, perception, motivation, learning memory, development, personality, abnormal behavior, therapeutic techniques, and social psychology.

PSY 207 - FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is an introduction to psychological knowledge, concepts, and principles of forensic psychology. Topics include the application of research, procedures, and techniques to specific areas of law and the legal system as they relate to general psychological principles and methods.

SFT 109 - LIFETIME FITNESS AND WELLNESS
Class Hours: 2  Lab Hours: 3  Credit Hours: 3
This course is a study of the foundation of the fitness/wellness series and introduces students to the theories and principles upon which the concepts of lifetime fitness and wellness are based.

SOC 101 - INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course emphasizes the fundamental concepts and principles of sociology, including culture, socialization, interaction, social groups and stratification, effects of population growth, and technology in society and social institutions.

SFT 205 - PUBLIC SPEAKING
Class Hours: 3  Lab Hours: 0  Credit Hours: 3
This course is an introduction to principles of public speaking with application of speaking skills.

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