

Delta-Montrose Technical College

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

POLICE ACADEMY/DETENTIONS CORRECTIONS PROGRAM

THE PROGRAM

The Police Academy/Detentions Correction Program at DMTC is designed to prepare students for a career in criminal justice.

In our state-certified Police Academy, we provide training for students interested in becoming patrol officers. Our program meets the basic training requirements set by the state of Colorado as a prerequisite for taking the test to become Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) certified. Students who successfully complete the 30-credit Police Science emphasis will receive a vocational certificate. They will also have the necessary academic and practical skills to take the POST certification test.

Our Detentions Corrections emphasis provides training for students interested in becoming correctional officers. Students who successfully complete our 42-credit Criminal Justice Core and Detentions/Corrections emphasis will receive a vocational certificate, and will have the necessary academic and practical skills to work as a correctional officer.

Both programs combine lecture and practical, hands-on activities to help students develop the mental and physical skills required for jobs in the criminal justice field. In addition to traditional classroom training, and practical skills training, students are required to participate in physical fitness activities which include running, obstacle course, and calisthenics.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

A student who successfully completes the Police Academy and becomes POST certified has the training necessary to be eligible for an entry-level position as a police officer, deputy sheriff, or armed state park ranger.

A student who successfully completes the Detentions Corrections program will have the training necessary to be eligible for an entry-level position as a corrections officer.

PREREQUISITES

Students must meet the minimum required TABES levels. Other prerequisites are outlined in the Criminal Justice Program application packet available in the Student Services office.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

We occasionally offer continuing education skills-upgrade classes.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

We work in cooperation with local law enforcement departments to maintain a high-level of training for our students. All of our instructors have work experience in law enforcement and/or detentions/corrections.

COURSE AVAILABILITY

The Police Academy is a 15-week program with new classes starting three times each year. The Detentions/Corrections program is a 15-week program generally offered once each year.

NIGHT POLICE ACADEMY

Periodically (determined by demand) a night Police Academy will be offered. This course will last 28 weeks with start and end dates to be announced. The night Police Academy does qualify for partial State and Federal Financial Aid, and VA Funding is available.

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ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE-CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Through a cooperative program with Unified Technical Education Campus (UTEC) and Mesa State College of Grand Junction, students at DMTC may enroll in an AAS degree program. Students seeking the AAS degree would enroll in the Criminal Justice Program at DMTC and then complete the required general education courses through Mesa State.

The Criminal Justice AAS degree, Police Academy and Detentions/Corrections Program utilize lecture, lab, and internship as the primary methods of learning. Students in the AAS degree program must take the general education requirements and may choose from one of two areas of emphasis: Detentions/Corrections or Police Science.

Upon successful completion of the requirements of both schools, the student would be awarded an AAS degree in Criminal Justice by Mesa State College in conjunction with DMTC and Unified Technical Education Campus (UTEC).

Students in this program should obtain a current Mesa State Catalog and become familiar with requirements for an AAS degree, course descriptions and prerequisites, and entrance requirements at Mesa.

Prior to the start of the second semester at Delta-Montrose Technical College, the student should check with the advisor about petitioning Mesa State to graduate. This must be done one semester (Mesa State) prior to desired graduation date.

Programs for transfer students will be adjusted on an individual basis by DMTC, UTEC, and Mesa State College. Residency and credit requirements at Mesa State College must be met to qualify for a degree.

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Completion of the AAS degree in Criminal Justice may provide graduates with additional promotional opportunities. Law enforcement agencies in some areas require an AAS degree for entry-level positions.

PREREQUISITES

The ACT is a requirement unless the student qualifies to have this waived. Students must achieve a grade point average of 2.00 (C) or higher in all courses (DMTC and Mesa) to graduate with an Associate Degree at Mesa State College.

Students must also meet the minimum required TABES levels. Other prerequisites are outlined in the Criminal Justice Program application packet available in the Student Services office.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

None required

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

DMTC works in cooperation with Mesa State College and UTEC to provide the AAS degree.

COURSE AVAILABILITY

Classes start at DMTC three times each year.

Program information, courses, and credit hours are subject to change.

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AAS DEGREE- CRJ TOTAL CREDITS 71*

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

ENGL111 and 112 English Composition	6
SPCH101 Interpersonal Communications or SPCH 102 Speechmaking.....	3
CSCI100 Computers in our Society	3
SOCO144 Marriage and the Family or SOCO 260 General Sociology	3
PSYC150 Psychology	3
HPWA100 Health and Wellness	1
** HPWE Aerobic/Fitness Activities	1
Total Credits	20

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE REQUIREMENTS

CRJ110 Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRJ111 Substantive Criminal Law	3
CRJ112 Procedural Criminal Law.....	3
CRJ125 Law Enforcement Operations	3
CRJ135 Judicial Function	3
CRJ145 Correctional Process.....	3
CRJ210 Constitutional Law.....	3
CRJ220 Human Relations/Social Conflict.....	3
CRJ230 Criminology	3
Total Credits	27

DETENTIONS/CORRECTIONS CORE EMPHASIS

CRJ149 Criminal Justice Records/Reports.....	3
CRJ215 Constitutional Rights of Inmates	3
CRJ225 Crisis Intervention	3
CRJ255 Organization/Mgmt of Institutions	3
CRJ256 Classification/Treatment of Offenders	3
Total Credits	15
Detentions/Corrections Electives (for AAS Degree).....	9

POLICE SCIENCE EMPHASIS (ACADEMY)*

CRJ101 Basic Academy.....	10
CRJ104 Law Enforcement Skills Training.....	5
CRJ115 Colorado Criminal Code.....	3
CRJ118 Police Report Writing	3
CRJ126 Patrol Operations	3
CRJ127 Crime Scene Investigations	3
CRJ246 Accident Invest/Traffic Mgmt.....	3
Total Credits	30

* 24 units of the Police Science emphasis are applied toward the AAS degree.

ELECTIVES

CRJ151 Juvenile Justice System/Procedures	3
CRJ164 Law Enforcement Physical Fitness 1.5	
CRJ257 Spanish for Law Enforcement Office	1
CRJ258 Spanish for Detentions Officers	0.5
CRJ259 Spanish for Patrol Officers	0.5
CRJ260 Transition School.....	4
CRJ261 Crime Scene Identification	3
CRJ262 Drug Identification and Interdiction	0.5
CRJ263 Self Defense for Law Enforcement ..	3
CRJ264 Stress Man. and Critical Incidents.	0.5
CRJ265 Civil Process/Court Security.....	1
CRJ266 Pressure Point Compliance Tactics .	2
CRJ267 Gangs and Religious Cults.....	0.5
CRJ268 First Aid/CPR.....	1
CRJ269 OC Spray.....	0.5
CRJ270 Career Attainment Skills in Criminal Justice.....	1
CRJ275 Internship.....	1-4
CRJ295 Independent Study	1-8
BUS100 Beginning Computer	1
BUS105 Business Communications	4
BUS114 Computer Lab	1-4

COURSE DESCRIPTION

BUS100 Beginning Computer

Provides the student with the basics of computer applications.

1 Credit

BUS105 Business Communication

This course is designed to provide a review of correct grammar and usage of the English language, application of these skills in planning and writing effective business letters, telephone technique, and preparation and delivery of speeches.

4 Credits

BUS114 Computer Lab

Provides the student with opportunities to explore his/her area(s) of interest in computers. Final project and/or term paper required.

1-4 Credits

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CRJ101 Basic Police Academy

10 Credits

A course designed to conform to POST (Peace Officers Standards of Training) standards and state certification requirements. This course provides students with the knowledge and skills necessary to perform the entry level duties of a police officer.

CRJ104 Law Enforcement Skills Training

5 Credits

The law enforcement skills training segments consists of Arrest Control tactics, law enforcement driving and firearms training. Arrest Control provides the student with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to effectively maintain control of a suspect when making an arrest. Use of force options available to officers, though verbal skills are stressed. Use of a baton will be taught in accordance with POST standards.

The driving segment provides students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to safely operate a patrol vehicle under emergency conditions. Defensive driving will be stressed. Students will demonstrate skills by actual driving under simulated conditions. This course is also conducted according to POST standards.

Police firearms provide the student with knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely use police firearms. De-escalation of force is a priority in training. The students will demonstrate skills by firing weapons, participating in shooting decisions, and demonstrating skills by firing weapons on the range and on the combat tactics courses. This segment is taught according to POST standards.

CRJ110 Intro to Criminal Justice

3 Credits

A study of the agencies and processes involved in the criminal justice system; the legislature, police, prosecutor, the defense, courts, and corrections. An analysis of the roles and problems of the criminal justice system in a democratic society with an emphasis upon intercomponent relations and checks and balances.

CRJ111 Substantive Criminal Law

3 Credits

Legal definitions of crime, purposes and functions of the law, historical foundations, and the limits of the criminal law.

CRJ112 Procedural Criminal Law

3 Credits

Constitutional and procedural considerations affecting arrest, search and seizure, post conviction treatment, origin, development, philosophy, and constitutional basis of evidence. Degrees of evidence and rules governing admissibility; judicial decisions interpreting individual rights and case studies.

CRJ115 Colorado Criminal Code

3 Credits

This course of study is presented as an additional study or update of the Colorado Revised Statutes pertaining to the Colorado Criminal Code and is conducted in accordance with POST standards.

CRJ118 Police Report Writing

3 Credits

This course teaches the fundamentals for preparing criminal justice reports, who uses them, what information must be included, how to organize them, and how to write reports in clear and concise language that will communicate the maximum amount of factual information. Special emphasis will be placed on spelling, punctuation, and paragraphing. Practicals will be performed using computer programs as well as meeting course objectives of POST.

CRJ125 Law Enforcement Operations

3 Credits

An in-depth examination of the complexity and multi-dimensional aspects of the police role and career; police discretion, police values, and culture in modern America. The role and functions of the police occupational, social, political, and organizational context.

CRJ126 Patrol Operations

3 Credits

Patrol operations is an in-depth study of the basic knowledge and skills required of a peace officer to safely and effectively accomplish the patrol function. The student demonstrates an ability to perform tasks by participating in practical exercises and demonstrations based upon POST standards.

CRJ127 Crime Scene Investigations

3 Credits

The investigations course introduces the students to the basic procedures in crime scene management including photography, preparing initial reports and sketches, processing evidence, and related

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criminalistic procedures. Interviewing suspects, witnesses, and victims is also covered. The course includes the recording of a mock crime scene and is conducted in accordance with POST standards.

CRJ135 Judicial Function **3 Credits**

Examines the criminal court system and criminal process with an analysis of the major judicial decision-makers, i.e., prosecutors, defense attorneys, judges, and the discretionary aspects of adjudication.

CRJ145 Correctional Process **3 Credits**

Post-conviction corrections process; the development of a correctional philosophy, theory and practice; a description of institutional operations, programming and management; community based corrections, probation, and parole.

CRJ149 Criminal Justice Records/Reports **3 Credits**

In this course, the procedures of report preparation with special emphasis on narrative and fill in reports will be discussed in detail. Other forms, their recording and eventual use, as well as verbal skills in reporting information will be presented. The student will be performing practical skills utilizing computer programs.

CRJ151 Juvenile Justice System/Procedures **3 Credits**

The organization, functions, and jurisdiction of juvenile agencies; the processing and detention of juveniles, case disposition, juvenile statutes, and court procedures.

CRJ164 Law Enforcement Physical Fitness **1 Credit**

Provides the basic physical fitness principles and practices that will enable the student to master the theoretical concepts and practical skills necessary to develop, implement, and evaluate individual fitness programs. Students taking the course must have a release from a physician.

CRJ210 Constitutional Law **3 Credits**

A study of the powers of the government as they are allocated and defined by the United States Constitution; intensive analysis of the United States Supreme Court decisions.

CRJ215 Constitutional Rights/Inmates **3 Credits**

An overview of the justice system as it pertains to the rights of inmates, including civil and criminal liabilities, legal services, and disciplinary procedures.

CRJ220 Human Relation/Social Conflict **3 Credits**

This course provides an understanding of the relationships between law enforcement and the community.

CRJ225 Crisis Intervention **3 Credits**

This course provides an understanding of the crisis theories and examines the role of the interventionist.

CRJ230 Criminology **3 Credits**

An examination of the question of crime causation from legal, social, political, psychological, and theoretical perspectives; history and developmental of criminology.

CRJ246 Accident Investigation and Traffic Management **3 Credits**

An overview of the skills and concepts necessary to complete an accurate investigation of a traffic collision. Traffic management concepts, selective traffic enforcement, and safety issues are discussed.

CRJ255 Organization/Management of Institutions **3 Credits**

This course consists of the history of penal and correctional management, organization of correctional institutions, management processes, leadership, control principles, and the implications for the future.

CRJ256 Classification/Treatment of Offenders **3 Credits**

The process through which the custodial, educational, vocational, and treatment needs of the offender are determined.

CRJ257 Spanish for Law Enforcement Officer **3 Credits**

Basic competency in understanding, speaking, reading, and writing with an emphasis on law enforcement.

CRJ258 Spanish for Detention Officers **.5 Credit**

A nine-hour course emphasizing terms, language, and culture.

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- CRJ259 Spanish for Patrol Officer** **.5 Credit**
A nine-hour course emphasizing terms, language, and culture.
- CRJ260 Transition School** **4 Credits**
A 52-hour firearms course provides the student with knowledge, skills, and abilities to safely use police firearms. De-escalation of force is a priority in training. The students will demonstrate skills by firing weapons, participating in shooting decisions, and firing weapons on the range and on the combat tactics courses. This program is taught according to POST standards.
- CRJ261 Crime Scene Identification** **3 Credits**
Introduces students to the basic procedures in crime scene management including photography, preparing initial reports and sketches, processing evidence, and related criminalistic procedures. Interviewing suspects, witnesses, and victims is also covered. The course includes the recording of a mock crime scene and is conducted in accordance with POST standards.
- CRJ262 Drug Identification and Interdiction** **.5 Credit**
A course designed to furnish basic knowledge regarding substance abuse and drug enforcement.
- CRJ263 Self Defense for Law Enforcement Officers** **3 Credits**
Provides the student with the opportunity to enhance his/her basic knowledge of self-defense.
- CRJ264 Stress Management and Critical Incidents** **.5 Credit**
This course provides an understanding of stress and healthy ways to handle it. Crisis theories and the role of the interventionist are also explored.
- CR265 Civil Process/Court Security** **1 Credit**
This course provides a basic understanding of the civil process and courtroom security.
- CRJ266 Pressure Point Compliance Tactics** **2 Credits**
A 24-hour certification course involving PPCT training in arrest control, self defense, straight baton, and the asp baton.
- CRJ267 Gangs/Religious Cults** **.5 Credit**
Provides the student with knowledge of gangs and religious cults with a special emphasis on gangs in Colorado.
- CRJ268 First Aid/CPR** **1 Credit**
American Red Cross basic and American Heart Association certification. Meets POST standards.
- CRJ269 OC Spray** **1/2 Credit**
Provides the student with knowledge about the use of gas and certification.
- CRJ270 Career Attainment Skills in Criminal Justice** **1 Credit**
Covers all facts of seeking employment in the criminal justice system including: resume writing, how to complete a government application, test taking skills, and interviewing skills.
- CRJ275 Internship** **1-4 Credits**
Provides the student with opportunities to apply theoretical principles in a structured organization or work environment. The student works under the supervision of experienced personnel at the agency involved with the criminal justice coordinator providing coordination. The student must have the approval of the criminal justice coordinator and site approval. The student must complete 45 clock hours for each one hour of credit.
- CRJ295 Independent Study** **1-8 Credits**
Provides the student with opportunities to explore his/her area(s) of interest. Final project and/or term paper required. A synopsis of the project and the approval of the criminal justice coordinator are required before enrollment.