



CRIMINAL JUSTICE

WHITEWATER CAREER CENTER

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Criminal Justice introduces students to public safety occupations and what it takes to protect and serve a community. Practical instruction focuses on the daily duties of police officers and other professionals of the justice system. If you are interested in law enforcement, forensics, homeland security, conservation, or the legal proceedings of the criminal justice system, you should consider this project-based, hands-on program.

YOU WILL LEARN

- History of the criminal justice system
- Crime prevention efforts
- Securing a crime scene
- Forensic investigation
- Collection and preservation of evidence
- Interviewing techniques
- Fingerprinting
- Preparation of police reports
- Courtroom demeanor and testifying
- Radio communications
- Patrol techniques
- Traffic control
- Crash reconstruction
- Defensive techniques
- CPR and First Aid

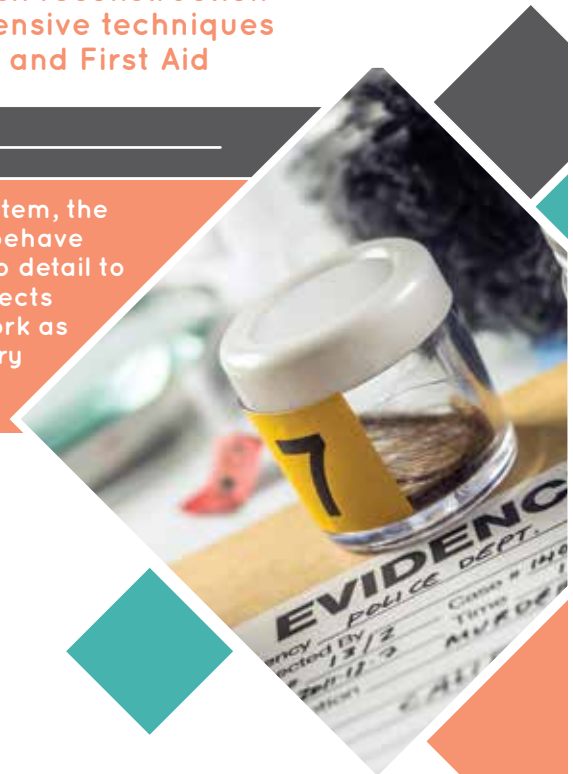
A TYPICAL STUDENT

The typical student is interested in a career in public safety, the legal system, the military, or other related fields. Successful students are mature and can behave appropriately in adult situations. They have the patience and attention to detail to solve problems using the skills they have learned. They can work on projects independently or with other students. They take initiative, check their work as needed, and stay on task without constant supervision. Safety is a primary focus, and students must follow the guidelines to keep themselves and other safe.

GET YOURSELF READY

To be prepared for success, be on track for graduation and develop a good work ethic. The following pathway courses at your high school will help prepare you for the Criminal Justice career program, further education and training, and a career in criminal justice:

- Preparing for College and Careers
- Interpersonal Relationships



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CERTIFICATIONS & DUAL CREDITS



VINCENNES UNIVERSITY DUAL COLLEGE CREDITS (Pending Approval)

LAWE 100	Survey Of Criminal Justice	3 Credits
LAWE 150	Criminal Minds And Deviant Behavior	3 Credits
LAWE 101	Basic Police Operations	3 Credits
LAWE 145	Ethics And Professionalism In Criminal Justice	3 Credits
LAWE 215	Police Administration And Organization	3 Credits

To complete the Law Enforcement Certificate at Vincennes University, take dual credit English Composition I and dual credit Speech at your high school. Dual credits are earned over two years in the program.

COURSE CONTENT

Students in Criminal Justice are introduced to specialized classroom and practical experiences related to public safety occupations. The purposes, functions, and history of the three primary parts of the criminal justice system are introduced, as well as the investigative process. Oral and written communication skills are reinforced through public relations and crime prevention activities and preparation of police reports. Other concepts include traffic control, forensic investigations at crime scenes, crash reconstructions using mathematical skills, collection and integrity of physical evidence, and questioning suspects. Current trends in criminal justice and law enforcement will also be covered. Simulator equipment may be used to demonstrate and train students on proper use-of-force procedures used in law enforcement..

MEET GRADUATION PATHWAYS

PATHWAY 1 HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

Students can earn 6 high school elective credits per school year at WCC. WCC courses can also lead to a Technical Honors Diploma.

PATHWAY 2 EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

All WCC programs have a work-based learning component built into the curriculum.

PATHWAY 3 POSTSECONDARY READY

Students can meet the requirement by completing 2 years of a career program at WCC or completing 3 pathway dual credit courses.

WHEN YOU FINISH

Students who complete the Criminal Justice program go on to pursue careers in law enforcement, conservation, forensics, security, or criminal justice. Students continue their education at 2-year and 4-year colleges, join the military, or enter the workforce.

POTENTIAL CAREERS

	NATIONAL MEAN WAGE
• Police & Sheriff Patrol Officer	\$65,400
• Forensic Science Technician	\$62,490
• Correctional Officer & Jailer	\$49,300
• Detective & Criminal Investigator	\$85,020
• Fish & Game Warden	\$59,260
• First-line Supervisor	\$86,350
• Private Detective & Investigator	\$56,810
• Fish & Game Warden	\$59,260
• Paralegal & Legal Assistant	\$54,500
• Court Reporter	\$62,390

All career and salary information is cited from the U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics, May 2018 National Occupation Employment & Wage Estimates.



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