Program Requirements

**Program Overview**

The Associate of Arts Degree - Emphasis in Criminology provides students the opportunity to study specific types of crime, the theories of crime and punishment, the psychological and social origins of criminal behavior, and social value systems. Students will also examine criminal law and criminal justice systems, penology, rehabilitation, recidivism, social attitudes concerning crime and the justice system, and criminal justice policy.

**Career Opportunities**

Students who successfully complete the Associate of Arts Degree - Emphasis in Criminology will be prepared to transfer to a baccalaureate program in Criminal Justice. With a degree in criminal justice, you can work in a number of careers fields within the justice system such as court administrators, social workers, parole officers, correctional officers and management positions.

**Program Outcomes**

1. Apply knowledge of the important concepts and principles of the natural sciences, mathematics, history, social and behavioral sciences, arts, and humanities.
2. Develop skills necessary for life roles, including skills in thinking, communication, and methods of inquiry and applications of knowledge.
3. Critically examine and develop an appreciation for diverse people, cultures, and life roles.
4. Develop oral and written communication skills to communicate with a wide range of diverse populations.
5. Demonstrate an understanding of the fields of criminology and criminal justice and apply criminological theory to contemporary problems and issues.

**Transfer Opportunities**

Saint Paul College has a transfer articulation agreement between the following program and post-secondary institution for the baccalaureate degree program listed below.

For more information please go to saintpaul.edu/Transfer.

**Associate of Arts Degree - Emphasis in Criminology**

**BA** Criminal Justice

**MnTC Requirements**

Refer to the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Course List for each Goal Area

- Goal 1: Communication ................................. 9
- ENGL 1711 Composition 1 – 4 cr
- ENGL 1712 Composition 2 – 2 cr
- COMM 17XX – 3 cr
- Goal 2: Critical Thinking
  Fulfilled when 10 goal areas (40 credits) are completed.
- Goal 3: Natural Science ............................... 7
  Two courses from two different disciplines, one of which must be a lab course.
- Goal 4: Mathematical/Logical Reasoning  .......... 3
  One course numbered between 1700-1799 or 2700-2799
- MATH 1740 Introduction to Statistics
  (recommended) – 4 cr
- Goal 5: History, Social Sciences and
  Behavioral Sciences .................................... 9
  Three courses from two different disciplines.
  Emphasis courses SOCI 1765 – 3 cr and
  SOCI 1766 – 3 cr will count toward Goal 5.
  One additional non-SOCI course is required.
- Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts  .................... 9
  Three courses from two different disciplines.
- Goal Areas 7-10
  Select courses to meet all 10 Goal Areas

**Total Program Credits – 60**

If courses are counted in both the Emphasis Requirements and the MnTC Requirements students may need to complete additional classes to reach the 60 credit total.

**Program Faculty**

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**Program Advisors**

Pathway Advisors are the Academic Advisors for the Associate of Arts degree and are located in the Advising Center. Students are allowed to take the courses in any sequence. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or one of the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term.

**Minimum Program Entry Requirements**

Students entering this program must meet the following minimum program entry requirements:

**Reading:** Score of 78+ or grade of “C” or better in READ 0722

**Writing:** Score of 78+ or grade of “C” or better in ENGL 0922

**Arithmetic:** Score of 20+; Visit the Advising Center to determine if the transfer programs require college-level mathematics.

**Assessment Results and Prerequisites:**

Students admitted to Saint Paul College programs may need to complete additional courses based on assessment results and course prerequisite requirements. Certain MATH, READ, and ENGL courses have additional prerequisites.

**Additional Requirements**

- At least 60 earned college-level credits (40 MnTC credits and 20 additional MnTC, pre-major or elective credits)
- A grade of “C” or better in ENGL 1711
- Associate of Arts (AA) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Meet Saint Paul College residency requirement: 20 credits. This requirement may be reduced to 12 credits with transfer of at least 12 college-level credits from another Minnesota State College and University or the University of Minnesota.

**Course Sequence**

Students are allowed to take the courses in any sequence. However, all course prerequisites need to be followed. For specific suggestions, please speak with a Pathway Advisor or one of the program faculty. Students should consult with the Program Advisor each semester.

Not all courses are offered each semester; a selection of courses is offered summer term.

**Program Start Dates**

Fall, Spring, Summer

**Program Requirements**

- Check off when completed

**Emphasis Requirements**

- SOCI 1765 Sociology of Crime and Deviance ........ 3
- SOCI 1766 Juvenile Delinquency .................... 3
- SOCI 1772 Intro to Criminal Justice ................. 3
- Criminology Electives .................................. 11

Any MnTC course may be counted; however, the following are recommended:

- PHIL 1720 Ethics – 3 cr
- POLS 1720 Intro to American Government – 3 cr
- PSYC 1710 General Psychology – 4 cr
- PSYC 1740 Abnormal Psychology – 4 cr
- PSYC/SOCI 2720 Social Psychology – 4 cr
- SOCI 1710 Intro to Sociology – 4 cr
- SOCI 1720 Social Problems – 3 cr
- SOCI 1774 Intro to Corrections – 3 cr
- SOCI 1776 Probation, Parole and Alternative Sentencing – 3 cr

**Emphasis Total ........................................ 20**