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Public Safety

What preparation will this program give me?

The Administration of Justice program serves those who wish to train for a career in a field associated with the administration of criminal justice, those who wish to prepare for transfer to a four-year institution, and those who are currently employed in an Administration of Justice agency and who seek training for career advancement. There are two majors in the Administration of Justice program: Police Science and Corrections.

The Police Science major provides practical and technical instruction to meet the requirements of law enforcement agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. The program is designed for students interested in careers as law enforcement officers with responsibilities of ensuring the security of human rights and maintaining social order. Responsibilities of law enforcement officers include enforcing laws and detecting and arresting violators of the law, crime prevention, and protecting life and property.

The Corrections major provides preparatory instruction necessary for persons who wish entry into four-year institutions for careers as Correctional Officers, Counselors or Probation and Parole Officers with federal, state, and county agencies. Entry-level employment may be available after satisfactory completion of the Associate degree or Certificate requirements.



What kind of job will I be qualified for when I finish?

Corrections: The Corrections major provides instruction for entry-level employment, or transfer to four-year institutions for additional preparation to become a Correctional Officer, Counselor, or Probation Officer.

Police: The Police Science major prepares students to meet hiring requirements of law enforcement agencies. The Oakland Police Department is hiring and salaries start at \$69,000 for a police officer!

What classes will I take?

Required Courses:

| Corrections | | | Units | Police Science | | | Units | |
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| ADJUS 21 | Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 | ADJUS 21 | Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 | ADJUS 21 | Introduction to Administration of Justice | 3 |
| ADJUS 22 | Concepts of Criminal Law | 3 | ADJUS 22 | Concepts of Criminal Law | 3 | ADJUS 22 | Concepts of Criminal Law | 3 |
| ADJUS 23 | Principles and Procedures of Justice System | 3 | ADJUS 23 | Principles and Procedures of Justice System | 3 | ADJUS 23 | Principles and Procedures of Justice System | 3 |
| ADJUS 24 | Legal Aspects of Evidence | 3 | ADJUS 24 | Legal Aspects of Evidence | 3 | ADJUS 24 | Legal Aspects of Evidence | 3 |
| ADJUS 25 | Community Relations | 3 | ADJUS 25 | Community Relations | 3 | ADJUS 25 | Community Relations | 3 |
| ADJUS 63 | Introduction to Corrections | 3 | ENGL 201A | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR | ENGL 201A | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR |
| ENGL 201A | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR | ENGL 1A | Composition and Reading | 4 | ENGL 1A | Composition and Reading | 4 |
| ENGL 1A | Composition and Reading | 4 | ENGL 201B | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR | ENGL 201B | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR |
| ENGL 201B | Preparation for Composition and Reading | 3 OR | ENGL 1B | Composition and Reading | 4 | ENGL 1B | Composition and Reading | 4 |
| ENGL 1B | Composition and Reading | 4 | HITED 1 | Exploring Health Issues | 3 | HITED 1 | Exploring Health Issues | 3 |
| PSYCH 1A | Introduction to General Psychology | 3 OR | PSYCH 1A | Introduction to General Psychology | 3 OR | PSYCH 1A | Introduction to General Psychology | 3 OR |
| PSYCH 10 | Psychology and Life: Basic Principles | 3 | PSYCH 10 | Psychology and Life: Basic Principles | 3 | PSYCH 10 | Psychology and Life: Basic Principles | 3 |
| SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 OR | SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 OR | SOC 1 | Introduction to Sociology | 3 OR |
| SOC 2 | Social Problems | 3 | SOC 2 | Social Problems | 3 | SOC 2 | Social Problems | 3 |
| Total required units for Certificate | | | 30-32 | Total required units for Certificate | | | 30-32 | |
| 9 additional elective units | | | 9 | 9 additional elective units | | | 9 | |
| Total required units for Degree Major | | | 39-41 | Total required units for Degree Major | | | 39-41 | |

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What degree will I receive and how many course credits will I need?

Students successfully completing the 30-32 units of required coursework can obtain Certificates of Completion in either Corrections or Police Science. Students who satisfactorily complete the major course requirements and general education requirements will be awarded the Associate in Arts degree.

Where do I get more information?

Contact the Merritt College Administration of Justice Department at 434-3859.

