Associate in Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.)
Justice Studies – Criminal Justice

PROGRAM LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Reading and Written Communication: Students will demonstrate competent writing and reading throughout their programs of study.

2. Oral Communication: Students will demonstrate effective oral communication skills in both general and major-specific contexts.

3. Critical Analysis and Reasoning: Students will use critical analysis and reasoning, supported by knowledge and skills learned throughout their degree programs, to enhance personal and professional decision making:
   - Quantitative analysis and reasoning
   - Analysis and reasoning in the humanities, sciences, social sciences, and arts
   - Ethical analysis and reasoning
   - Reasoning in career-related contexts

4. Knowledge and Skills for Living in a Diverse Society: Students will consider multiple perspectives (quantitative and qualitative, among individuals, from different cultural contexts, etc.) when making decisions independently or as part of a team.

5. Information Literacy: Students will define and articulate their needs for information and access this information effectively and efficiently.

6. Integration of Learning: Students will develop the ability to integrate their learning, making connections within their major, between fields, between curricular and co-curricular activities, and between academic knowledge and practice.

7. Students will demonstrate knowledge and comprehension of theory and concepts in criminal justice and how to apply these concepts.

8. Students will demonstrate knowledge, comprehension, and analysis of the American criminal justice system, including public policy and procedures as they impact the courts, law enforcement, and corrections.

9. Students will gain an understanding of ethical decision making in the field of criminal justice.

10. Students will demonstrate knowledge and understanding essential to the development of personal, civic, and social responsibility within the context of criminal justice.