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The NIACC Criminal Justice curriculum was developed with the assistance of the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy and a local advisory committee of professionals employed in various criminal justice fields. The curriculum prepares students for careers in Criminal Justice in both the public and private sector.

Program graduates may obtain immediate employment with public or private agencies concerned with public safety, crime prevention, security, or the apprehension and rehabilitation of criminals. A person convicted of a crime may have limited job opportunities in some criminal justice careers.

Many program graduates choose to continue their education in the area of Criminal Justice by transferring to a four-year academic institution or university. NIACC's articulation agreements facilitate the transfer of NIACC credit to many institutions.

Career Opportunities

Successful graduates can find job opportunities in the following occupational areas:

- Police Departments
- Sheriff's Offices
- Corrections
- Highway Patrols
- Private Investigation Services
- Loss Prevention
- Industrial Security

For specific information contact the Career Center.

A person considering employment with a public agency should check to determine the necessity of successfully passing psychological examinations, as well as meeting standards related to physical fitness and eyesight capabilities, as a prerequisite to such employment. The College assumes no responsibility for paying for such examinations.

Upon successful completion of an Associate in Arts Degree and the required courses, the graduate is awarded a NIACC Criminal Justice Certificate.

REQUIRED CORE COURSES

CRJ-100	Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3 s.h.
CRJ-110	Patrol Procedures.....	3 s.h.
CRJ-130	Criminal Law.....	3 s.h.
CRJ-141	Criminal Investigation.....	3 s.h.
CRJ-105	Intermediate Criminal Investigation.....	3 s.h.
CRJ-216	Employment Strategies for Criminal Justice.....	1 s.h.
CRJ-230	Evidence.....	3 s.h.

REQUIRED GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

BIO-102	Introductory Biology. (3 s.h.*).....	3-5 s.h.
	OR BIO-152 Health and Nutrition (3 s.h.)	
	OR PHS-125 Physical Science (4 s.h.*)	
	OR PHY-106 Survey of Physics (4 s.h.*)	
	OR CHM-122 Introduction to General Chemistry (4 s.h.*)	
	OR CHM-153 College Chemistry I*	
ENG-102	Composition & Speech I*.....	4 s.h.
ENG-103	Composition & Speech II*.....	4 s.h.
	Humanities Elective(s).....	5 s.h.
PHI-105	Introduction to Ethics.....	3 s.h.
POL-111	American National Government (3 s.h.*).....	3 s.h.
	OR POL-112 American State & Local Government*	
PSY-111	Introduction to Psychology*.....	3 s.h.
	Mathematics*.....	3-4 s.h.
SOC-110	Introduction to Sociology*.....	3 s.h.
SOC-115	Social Problems (3 s.h.*).....	3 s.h.
	OR SOC-120 Marriage & Family (3 s.h.*)	
	OR PSY-121 Developmental Psychology	

SUGGESTED COURSES

SDV-210	Cooperative Education Internship.....	1-5 s.h.
PEH-140	First Aid (Required for jobs in private sector).....	1 s.h.

*General Education courses must total at least 40 semester hours to meet A.A. degree requirements. A minimum of 60 semester hours are needed for graduation.

During the 1998-99 school year, an articulation agreement was reached with the Iowa Law Enforcement Academy. This agreement allows up to 15 hours of credit earned at the Academy to be awarded at NIACC.

Fire Science

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The NIACC Fire Science curriculum was developed with the assistance of the Mason City Fire Department as an articulation program. The curriculum is intended for those persons already employed by fire departments who wish to obtain further education for professional advancement, as well as for those who desire advanced study in fire science. Courses are provided and scheduled as needed and may not follow a traditional two-year cycle. Please consult an academic advisor prior to registration.

Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate is awarded an Associate in Arts Degree and a NIACC Fire Science Certificate.

REQUIRED COURSES

EMS-220	EMT Basic I.....	4 s.h.
EMS-224	EMT Basic II.....	2 s.h.
FIR-155	Fire Protection Technology	4 s.h.
FIR-184	Hazardous Material Technician.....	3 s.h.
FIR-210	Incident Command System.....	1 s.h.
FIR-231	Fire Behavior and Investigation	4 s.h.
FIR-281	Fire Instructor I.....	2 s.h.
		20 s.h.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Communication.....	8 s.h.
Humanities	8 s.h.
Social Sciences	8 s.h.
Natural Science/Mathematics.....	8 s.h.
Distributed Requirement.....	8 s.h.
	40 s.h.

Career Opportunities

Graduates may obtain immediate employment with fire departments and perform duties as required. They may also choose to transfer to a senior institution for further study.

For specific information contact the Career Center.