

CRIMINAL JUSTICE, A.S. (UNIVERSITY COLLEGE)

Seven Penn State campuses are scheduled for closure after Spring 2027: DuBois, Fayette, New Kensington, Mont Alto, Shenango, Wilkes-Barre, and York. New students are not being admitted at these campuses.

Begin Campus: Greater Allegheny

End Campus: Greater Allegheny

Program Learning Objectives

- **Communicate:** Demonstrate ability to effectively communicate practical and theoretical criminal justice issues through papers, posters, and oral presentations
- **Do Research:** Demonstrate ability to formulate research questions, implement basic quantitative and qualitative research methods, and collect and analyze limited data
- **Know Context:** Demonstrate understanding around the relationship between culture, social class, race and ethnicity and criminal justice involvement
- **Know Structure:** Demonstrate understanding around the history, structure and function of the three branches of criminal justice (Courts, Law Enforcement, Corrections)
- **Know Theory:** Demonstrate understanding of core theories in criminology and the sociology of deviance and their relevance to different types of offenses and offenders
- **Think Critically:** Demonstrate ability to solve criminal justice problems through an understanding of context, the identification of appropriate evidence, and appreciation of potential barriers and limitations