

Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree in General Studies Administration of Justice Specialization

AREA: General Studies
Administration of Justice Specialization

DEGREE: Associate of Arts and Sciences Degree

LENGTH: Four semesters (two-year) program

PURPOSE: A significant number of college undergraduate students desire a more comprehensive two-year general degree program than the conventional curriculum. The Administration of Justice specialization allows students the flexibility of moving into transfer programs in criminology, criminal justice, legal studies, sociology and other fields. Some graduates satisfy their goals by completing the two-year general academic studies. Most general studies students plan to transfer to a four-year college or university as more specialized academic interests and aptitudes develop during the program of studies. The framework of academic standards for the associate of arts and sciences degree makes this possible.

TRANSFER GUIDELINES: The associate of arts and sciences degrees (AA&S) and associate of science (AS) offered by LFCC are designed to provide freshman and sophomore level course work toward the completion of a bachelor's degree. The AA&S and AS degree programs require students to take essentially the same courses as required by their university/four-year college counterparts.

To help facilitate the transfer process, LFCC has created an online 'Transfer Guide' that provides detailed information such as tuition, GPA, application requirements, course equivalents, and other information that may be useful in the transfer process. The transfer guide can be found at www.lfcc.edu/transfer. The Virginia Community College System also offers a Transfer Planning Tool on the Virginia Educational Wizard, which can be found at www.vawizard.org.

Students should begin preparing for transfer as early as possible. Steps in this process include: making a career decision, identifying colleges which offer the intended program of study, examining available transfer information and college catalogs, exploring Guaranteed Admissions and Transfer agreements, talking with transfer representatives, identifying program prerequisites, researching the academic competitiveness of the institutions and program under consideration, attending open house events offered by the colleges and exploring financial aid and housing opportunities.

LFCC offers many services and programs to assist the transfer student. Students are encouraged to seek the assistance of an advisor or counselor to gain additional information to plan a successful transfer experience.

Course#	Title	Credits
First Semester		
ENG 111	College Composition I	3
HIS	History Elective ^{2,6}	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
SDV 100	College Success Skills	1
ITE	Information Literacy Elective ⁷	3
ADJ 107	Survey of Criminology	3
	Total	16
Second Semester		
ENG 112	College Composition II	3
	Social Science Elective ^{2,3}	3
MTH	Mathematics Elective ¹	3
ADJ 100	Survey of the Criminal Justice System	3
ADJ 105	Juvenile Justice System	3
	Total	15
Third Semester		
ENG	Literature Elective ²	3
	Social Science Elective ^{2,3}	3
ADJ 140	Introduction to Corrections	3
PED/HLT	Physical Education or Health ²	1
	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{2,5}	4
	Total	14
Fourth Semester		
CST	Communication Elective ²	3
	Science with Laboratory Elective ^{2,5}	4
	Humanities Elective ²	3
	Approved Transfer Elective ⁴	3
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	Total	16
	Program Total	61

¹See list of approved electives on page 41. Students should check with the institution to which they will be transferring in order to determine the most appropriate math courses to take at LFCC.

² See the list of approved electives on page 41.

³Recommended that students take SOC 200 and PSY 200.

⁴Recommended that students choose from the following electives: ADJ 120, 133, 145, 146, 161, 162, 171, 172, 186, 232, 247, SOC 268, PSY 215, 255, or 270.

⁵A one-year sequence of biology, chemistry, geology or physics is recommended; however, depending on the requirements of the four-year institutions, two one-semester courses in different sciences may be substituted with advisor approval.

⁶For students intending to take more than one history course, a sequence beginning by taking HIS 111 or 121 is preferred prior to 112 or 122.

⁷Approved information literacy electives listed on page 41. Students should check with the institution to which they will be transferring in order to determine the most appropriate IT course to take at LFCC.