

CERTIFICATE COURSE PATHWAY

The following is the suggested pathway to complete the certificate. This pathway is based on satisfaction of all basic skills requirements and prerequisites and presumes a fall start date. An individual's program may vary depending on transfer institution, career objectives, or individual needs. See your academic advisor for other options and to monitor your progress.

Program Name: Corrections Officer Certificate Program

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

1. The Corrections Officer Certificate program prepares students for employment as corrections officers. (1,2,3,4,5)
2. For those already employed in corrections, or in any other criminal justice system job, the program provides an opportunity for professional growth and preparation for career promotions and/or transfers. (1,2,3,4,5)
3. Graduates will be able to effectively use critical thinking and interpersonal communication skills as required by correctional officer professionals. (2, 3)
4. Graduates will have a foundational knowledge of the principles of law pertaining to the correctional officer's duties. (3, 4, 5, 6)

Courses Required	Credits
AJS 101 Introduction to Administration of Justice	3
AJS 225 Criminology	3
AJS 240 The Correction Function	3
AJS 245 Ethics in Criminal Justice	3
AJS 260 Procedural Criminal Law	3
ENG 101 English Composition	3
SOC 131 Introduction to Sociology	3

Key:

1. Aesthetic Sensibilities: An awareness of creative expression in the world around us.
2. Communication Skills: The ability to effectively convey meaning through various media on both personal and professional levels.
3. Critical Thinking Skills and Problem-Solving: The ability to analyze data and arrive at logical and defensible conclusions.
4. Cultural Diversity and Global Awareness: An appreciation of relationships and differences in values, customs, and norms of diverse global communities.
5. Techniques of Inquiry: Use of standardized methodological framework to collect, analyze, interpret, and present findings.
6. Technological Competency: A proficiency in evolving technology to compete and flourish in society.

Total credits	21
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Note :

Students who have successfully completed the Arizona Department of Corrections Correctional Officer Training Academy (COTA), which has a 280-hour curriculum, would be eligible for awarded credits for the following courses: [AJS 101](#), [AJS 240](#), and [AJS 245](#).