

Great Basin College Criminal Justice AAS Degree for Working Professionals

Do you hold a POST Basic Certificate and are you ready to move **up** the professional ladder?

Nevada POST Intermediate and Advanced Certificates are earned through a combination of experience, education, and training. GBC can help you earn college credits, online, at home, and on your schedule. You can earn a few credits, a two-year associates degree or a four-year bachelor's degree. *GBC is the only Nevada college that will award you college credits for your POST Basic Certificate.*

The strength of our criminal justice program is that all classes are taught by practitioners who have actual field experience on patrol, at crime scenes, in the courtroom, and in our prisons and holding facilities. We have responded to calls, served search warrants, performed in-depth investigations, made arrests and "protected and served". This street experience is NOT available from the faculty at either University of Nevada campus! We can truly talk the talk for we have walked the walk...

Classes at GBC are three credits each and working professionals attending part-time can earn an associate degree in three to four years. GBC has campuses in Battle Mountain, Elko, Ely, Pahrump, and Winnemucca. Students may take scheduled classes on campus, or on your schedule online from anywhere in the world with an internet connection. Classes start three times each year, and GBC accepts most previously earned transfer credits from regionally accredited institutions.

Isn't this the time for you to be furthering your career?

For further information see: <https://www.gbcnv.edu/programs/show.cgi?AAS-CL>

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There are ten sheriffs' offices and a half dozen police departments scattered across GBC's ten county 86,500 square mile service area. There are also numerous private, city, county and state correctional facilities. While none of these departments currently requires a college degree for basic entry hire, some of the state and federal law enforcement departments in our region do. Additionally, while not required, the **International Association of Chiefs of Police, The National Sheriffs' Association and the American Correctional Association** all recognize the benefits of a college educated officer:

- Better behavioral and performance characteristics
- Better skilled with independent decision-making and problem-solving
- Better skilled at articulating their thoughts
- Greater aptitude for innovative thinking
- Improved adaptability
- Fewer on-the-job injuries and assaults
- More proficient in technology
- Fewer departmental disciplinary actions and internal investigations
- Less likely to be involved in unethical behavior
- Less likely to use force as the first response
- Enhanced report writing skills
- Displays maturity for age
- Better at discovering extra resources
- Demonstrated enhanced department responsibilities
- Less use of sick time (work ethic and seeing the big picture)
- Greater acceptance of minorities (diversity and cultural awareness)
- Decrease in dogmatism, authoritarianism, rigidity and conservatism
- Improved communication skills (oral and written)
- Fewer formal citizen complaints
- Promotion of higher aspirations
- Better adapted to accepting critical feedback on job performance

(Source: Patrick Oliver (2014) *Recruitment, Selection & Retention of Law Enforcement Officers*, Looseleaf Law Publications, Flushing, NY)

Social Science

Associate of Applied Science— Criminal Justice

Student Learning Outcomes

The purpose of GBC’s criminal justice program is to assist students in the understanding of the intersection of biography and history within social structures related to the criminal justice system, as well as how to be a reflective, proficient, and active agent within these systems.

Graduates of the AAS in Criminal Justice program will have the knowledge and skills to:

- Demonstrate an awareness of the history and nature of the major components of the criminal justice system.
- Identify and analyze the origins of criminal behavior, society’s response to crime, and the consequences of crime to our society using multiple perspectives.
- Demonstrate effective oral and written communication skills applicable in the field of criminal justice.
- Describe the process of conducting a criminal investigation, the process of arrest and pretrial detention, criminal trial procedures, and criminal punishment.
- Analyze and explain the relationship between law enforcement agencies and the communities they serve.
- Describe the organizational structure, practice, culture, and environment of the modern police organization.
- Analyze and explain the evolution of the correctional system in the United States.
- Evaluate current issues related to crime prevention and the rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders, including the concepts of parole and probation.

General Education Requirements	Credits
English/Communications.....	6
ENG 100 or 101, and ENG 102	
Mathematics	3
MATH 116, 116E, 120, 120E, 126, 126E or higher, or STAT 152	
Science	3
Social Science	3-6
PSC 101 or HIST 101 and 102	
Human Relations	3
PSY 208 or MGT 283 (recommended)	
Humanities or Fine Arts.....	3
Technology	3
GIS 109, GRC 119, or IS 101 (recommended)	

Program Core Requirements		Credits	
Fall Semesters			
CRJ	104	Introduction to Administration of Justice.....	3
CRJ	155	Juvenile Justice	3
CRJ	164	Introduction to Criminal Investigation....	3
CRJ	211	Police in America	3
CRJ	230	Criminal Law	3
CRJ	265	Intro to Evidence	3
Spring Semester			
CRJ	106	Introduction to Corrections	3
CRJ	120	Community Relations	3
CRJ	214	Police Patrol.....	3
CRJ	215	Probation and Patrol.....	3
CRJ	220	Criminal Procedures	3
CRJ	270	Criminology	3

Program Electives (choose with advisor) 9

Note: Students seeking to earn a Criminal Justice Degree without requesting alternative credits through a valid POST certificate are required to pass CRJ 104, 106, 164, 265, 270, and any other four CRJ courses of their choosing and three program elective courses.

Note: students seeking to earn a Criminal Justice Degree while requesting alternative credits through a valid POST certificate are required to pass CRJ 120, 211, 215, 270, and any other two CRJ courses and three program elective courses. Upon successfully petitioning for non-traditional credit with a valid POST certificate and completing 12 semester credits at GBC, the following courses will be awarded. CRJ 104, 106, 164, 230 and 265.

All six courses listed are offered every semester, all twelve courses listed are offered each year.

Select additional courses with CRJ prefix or from the following list: ANTH 101, 102; BIOL 223; INT 301; PHIL 311 (formerly ECON 311); PSY 101; 241, 460; SOC 101 (or higher); SPAN 112 (or higher)

Note: Students interested in transferring to Bachelor of Arts in Social Science program or Criminal Justice BA program at UNR should carefully choose the most efficient pathway with an advisor and include: ANTH 101, 201 or 202; any Archaeology; any History, and PSY 101 or 208.

After the AAS in Criminal Justice, the next step could be the Bachelor of Applied Science in Management and Supervision (see page 105) or the Bachelor of Arts in Social Science (see page 225).

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE
(Refer to page 90)
AAS—Criminal Justice

FALL—1st Semester		Credits
CRJ	104	3
CRJ	164	3
ENG	101	3
MATH*		3
PSC	101	3
TOTAL		15

SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
CRJ	106	3
CRJ	of choice	3
CRJ	of choice	3
Science*		3
ELECTIVE**		3
TOTAL		15

FALL—3rd Semester		Credits
CRJ	265	3
CRJ	of choice	3
PSY	208 of MGT 283	3
ENG	102	3
ELECTIVE**		3
TOTAL		15

SPRING—4th Semester		Credits
CRJ	of choice	3
CRJ	270	3
Humanities*		3
Technology*		3
ELECTIVE**		3
TOTAL		15

Minimum Credits: 60

***Select from page 84**

****IMPORTANT-Choose with an advisor**