

Criminal Justice Degree Program at CSJ

The College of St. Joseph (CSJ) is pleased to be able to provide Department of Corrections personnel with the opportunity to attain a higher education degree to suit their personal and professional goals. With the transfer of [16 credits](#) (equaling a \$4,000 savings) for successful completion of the Vermont Correctional Academy (VCA) program as well as any additional credits for relevant certified training and/or select experiential knowledge outside the normal scope of college or university instruction, DOC personnel may expedite the completion of the 127 credits for the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice degree at CSJ in a relatively timely manner.

The Criminal Justice Program course offerings at CSJ for Fall 2008 (September 1-December 16) are *Introduction to Criminal Justice* (CRJ101) and *Drugs & Society* (CRJ230). The additional online course offering is *Victimology* (CRJ 270). Based on prospective students' responses on the intake form below, additional online courses will be offered each semester. [Descriptions](#) of all criminal justice courses are included.

Evaluation and Registration Process

DOC personnel interested in pursuing this higher education degree opportunity should take the following steps:

1. Complete and return the [Prospective Criminal Justice Student Intake Form](#);
2. After we review the completed form, you will be contacted and a tentative program of study will be provided for you;
3. If you choose to proceed, you must complete all [Admissions Office forms](#) and provide supporting documentation (e.g., VCA and/or college transcripts, certifications);
4. Once admitted into the College, you [register](#) for and complete the remaining courses toward the Associate or Bachelor's degree.

Note: The tuition cost of each undergraduate course at CSJ for the 2008-09 term is \$750 (i.e., \$250 per credit).

CSJ Transcripts

CSJ has evaluated the VCA program and agreed to accept the equivalent of 16 credits toward a criminal justice degree at the College. However, it cannot assure that these credits will be accepted for transfer to another institution that has not evaluated the program. Only students who complete a program of study at CSJ can be assured that these credits will be accepted toward a formal, accredited undergraduate degree and beyond.

As is the case with all traditional, land-based institutions of higher learning accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education (CIHE) of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges [and most other regional accreditation associations through the U.S.], acceptance of course credits from professional academies and virtual online institutions is solely at the discretion of the individual institution.

In addition, accredited institutions such as CSJ can only provide a formal transcript for students who have completed at least one course at the institution. The transcript for academy graduates who have not used the allotted credits to fully complete a degree at CSJ would reflect the number of course

credits actually earned through the College and list the VCA credits as alternate credits that another institution may or may not accept.

DOC personnel interested in pursuing this opportunity may also contact me at anytime.

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