

ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

SCHOOL OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE



PURSUE YOUR CAREER GOALS WITH AN ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

At Kaplan University, our associate's degree program in criminal justice is designed to provide the solid education sought in fields like law enforcement, corrections, and private investigation.¹ The curriculum covers topics such as criminology and the U.S. justice system. Experienced criminal justice professionals teach our online courses, and interactive technology allows students to collaborate with, and receive support from, classmates and instructors. In addition, students may be awarded credit for previous education or work experience that could help them achieve their goals faster.²

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THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE FIELD NEEDS TALENT LIKE YOURS

The criminal justice field is expanding. As the population increases, more qualified professionals are needed for law enforcement. This has caused the criminal justice field to grow faster than the national average, with growth rates for private detectives and investigators estimated to reach 22 percent between 2008 and 2018.³ Due to heightened security concerns and the increased need to protect personal property and information, these trends are expected to continue.³ Because of this steady expansion, many people are seeking careers in the criminal justice field, and employers are looking for the most qualified and educated among them. An associate's degree from Kaplan University could help you stand out in the crowd, and show potential employers that you are well-versed in criminal justice structure and strategies.¹



JUMP-START YOUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE CAREER

An associate's degree in criminal justice is designed to help aspiring professionals qualify for a wide variety of occupations in both the private and public sectors of the criminal justice arena.

Graduates of the associate's degree program could pursue a position in any of these environments:¹

- Police departments
- State and local government
- Prisons and jails (corrections)
- Private detective agencies
- Public or private security agencies, including corporate and government security
- Department stores or general merchandise stores

DAY-TO-DAY ACTIVITIES WILL VARY BY POSITION, BUT HERE ARE SOME POSSIBLE TASKS THAT GRADUATES MAY PERFORM:¹

- **Police officer**—Pursue and apprehend individuals who break the law, and issue citations and warnings or make arrests; exercise authority when necessary to protect the public
- **Corrections officer**—Maintain security and inmate accountability to prevent disturbances, assaults, and escapes; enforce rules and regulations
- **State parks officer or highway officer**—Maintain order and respond to emergencies, protect people and property, enforce motor vehicle and criminal laws, and promote positive community relations
- **Private investigator or detective**—Assist individuals, businesses, and attorneys by finding and analyzing information



A FLEXIBLE DEGREE FOR A VERSATILE CAREER

The Kaplan University associate's degree in criminal justice is designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in the criminal justice field.¹ It could also help graduates move on to further study, as students may be able to apply their earned credits toward a bachelor's degree in the future.⁴ Those who complete the program will receive a broad-based education in topics including criminal justice procedure, due process, evidence gathering, and investigative techniques. This knowledge could help graduates stand out to employers in law enforcement, private investigation, corporate security, and other criminal justice industries.

The program focuses on the following knowledge and experiences:

- Opportunities to interact with practicing professionals and study career-specific skills in criminal justice
- An overview of the philosophy and development of the U.S. criminal justice system, its agencies and institutions, and the issues and challenges they face
- A strong understanding of criminology, criminal investigation, criminal law, domestic and international terrorism, and methods of countering terrorism
- A capstone project in which students apply the techniques and skills learned in their online courses to real-world criminal justice scenarios

Program Detail

Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice

- Credit Hours: 90



Michelle Parmeter⁵

- 2009 Graduate, School of Criminal Justice

“Kaplan University has been instrumental in helping me not only meet my short-term goals [but also] the ones that I never thought I would accomplish. I loved the structure of the program because a real person in the real world can really do it. It wasn't overwhelming. It was possible.”

Bob Kopczyński⁶

- Academic Chair, School of Criminal Justice
- Patrol Commander in charge of K-9, Forensics, and SWAT team

“The limitation of an on-ground institution is that you are only drawing faculty from that immediate region. Kaplan University's online criminal justice system can draw from the entire world. We have had instructors who have conducted police department training in Iraq, Afghanistan, Pakistan; training and teaching online at the same time for our students.”

KAPLAN UNIVERSITY—A DIFFERENT SCHOOL OF THOUGHT[®]

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It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the nonrefundable application fee.⁷

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁸

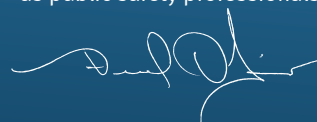
Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- › Bachelor of Science in International and Comparative Criminal Justice
- › Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Administration and Management

Note From Dean

"Kaplan University's School of Criminal Justice is committed to excellence in education, student success, and career advancement. Our innovative programs, taught by experts in the field, are designed to challenge students to think critically, ethically, and proactively so that they can contribute to agencies and develop best practices as public safety professionals."



Frank DiMarino, Dean
School of Criminal Justice



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

² See University Catalog for Transfer of Credit policy.

³ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2010-11 Edition, Private Detectives and Investigators, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos157.htm>. These employment projections are provided for informational purposes only. Long-term projections are not intended to predict short-term changes in employment demand due to the current economy.

⁴ While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued bachelor's-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any bachelor's degree program.

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⁷ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

⁸ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.