

How long will it take to earn a degree or certificate?

Generally, students take two years to complete the A.S. degree and one to two years for the courses required for the certificate(s).

How much can I expect to earn once I complete the program?

Salaries are now \$70,000 to \$100,000 for Bay Area police officers; \$60,000 to \$80,000 for state prison correctional officers and \$70,000 to \$100,000 for probation and state parole and up to \$150,000 or more in the judicial system, i.e., prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges.



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I'M INTERESTED.
WHAT SHOULD I DO NOW?

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www.dvc.edu/programs

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ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM



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Careers in law enforcement and the judicial system can be rewarding and exciting. Most roles will involve working with people and serving your local community.



What is the Administration of Justice Program?

Administration of Justice is the field of study dealing with the law and law enforcement, corrections, and the judicial system. Within each of these broad areas, the program prepares students for employment either as a civilian (non-sworn) employee or as a sworn officer or agent.

As an Administration of Justice student, you will gain the skills and knowledge to be an effective and successful professional in any one of these numerous career fields. Many students go on to complete a 24-week police academy program to become a sworn officer or agent in a government agency, or gain a civilian position in a government agency, a corporation or in private security or loss prevention.

Students will learn about: criminal law and criminal procedure; leadership and ethics; communications and problem-solving; the fundamentals of investigations; probation, parole, prisons, community-based and rehabilitative corrections; community policing and police-community relations; collection and evaluation of physical evidence; the interviewing and counseling process.

Areas of individual interest include: forensic evidence and the crime lab; criminal investigations; terrorism and homeland security; juvenile procedures; patrol procedures; weaponless defense and firearms; correctional programs; report writing, testimony and communication skills; current trends and technologies in criminal justice.



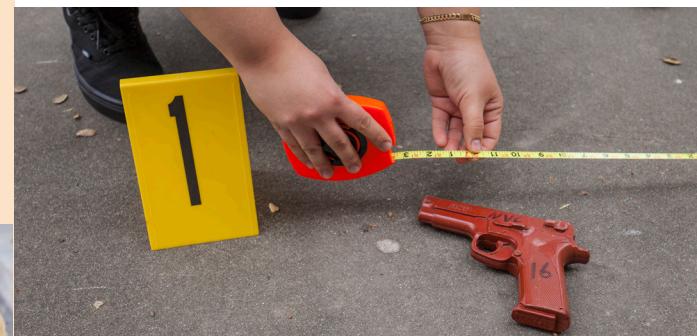
Why consider the Administration of Justice Program?

Those who enter the field of administration of justice have an exciting and dynamic career working with people and serving their communities and nation. The field is challenging but very rewarding. Careers offer good pay and benefits, excellent retirement benefits, and job security.

What can I do with an administration of justice degree or certificate?

After you have earned a degree or certificate of achievement in Administration of Justice, you will be well prepared to enter and successfully complete an academy program or go directly into entry-level employment in a public or private organization.

Law enforcement study prepares students for a career as a police officer, deputy sheriff, CHP officer, FBI agent, DEA agent, Secret Service agent, US Border Patrol agent, Fish and Game warden, customs agent, Homeland Security (ICE) agent, or crime scene investigator (criminalist).



Corrections study prepares students for a career as a: correctional officer, parole officer, probation officer, youth counselor, prison warden, or criminologist.

A pre-law specialization prepares students for additional education to become a: lawyer, district attorney, public defender, defense lawyer, prosecutor, judge, or bailiff.

When are classes offered?

Most courses are taught in the day, but some evening and weekend courses are also available. Online options are also available every term.



"The professors are very knowledgeable and truly want you to succeed. Once I completed the CSI certificate program, I started my career as a forensic specialist. I couldn't have done it without the support of DVC's teachers and staff." - Hannah D., CSI