# CollEDGE UP







# **CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES**





If you're an individual in grades 11 &12 that is interested in learning more about the American legal system, law enforcement, and corrections, Southwest Tech's Criminal Justice CollEDGE Up courses may be for you.

These courses are offered in collaboration with many public safety agencies throughout Southwest Wisconsin, including the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. By enrolling in these courses:

- You will be granted exclusive access to many behind the scenes opportunities that most in the public never to get to experience.
- You will study the criminal justice system firsthand through many experiential opportunities, including tours, demonstrations and hands-on learning activities.
- You will explore many different exciting career positions that offer excellent pay, benefits and advancement opportunities.
- You can earn college credits that can be used toward a Criminal Justice Studies Degree at Southwest Tech.

#### WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A STUDENT AT SOUTHWEST TECH

"The Southwest Tech Criminal Justice program gave me the ability to apply knowledge learned in class to the real world using hands-on training. I valued this type of training because it better prepared me for situations I may encounter in my profession. I believe my training at Southwest Tech has been a crucial part of my success as a police officer."

Hannah Masters

2021 Southwest Tech Law Enforcement Academy Graduate

"As someone who doesn't learn from just reading a book, the Criminal Justice program at Southwest Tech has been great for me. A large portion of the classes are spent with hands-on learning, practicing what Law Enforcement actually does daily. I started my job two weeks after graduating the Police Academy, and every day I am thankful for the extra practice I had in classes that prepared me for real life interactions as a Police Officer."

Jeremy Tyler

2021 Southwest Tech Law Enforcement Academy Graduate







Course instruction for Introduction to Corrections and Introduction to Criminal Justice Studies will be delivered through a combination of experiential learning, online instruction, and recorded video lectures. Instruction for general education courses will be online with an added resource of recorded video lectures that may be viewed at any time. You will earn both high school and college credit for the courses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES COURSES							
FALL				SPRING			
COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR.	ACHIEVED	COURSE NO.	COURSE TITLE	CR.	ACHIEVED
10-504-119	Intro to Corrections	3		10-504-101	Intro to Criminal Justice Studies	3	
10-809-198	Intro to Psychology OR			10-809-198	Written Communication	3	
10-809-172	Intro to Diversity Studies	3					

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTIONS**

#### **FALL** SEMESTER

### Introduction to Corrections (10-504-119) Credits: 3

This course is intended as an introduction to the corrections system and will provide an overview of current institutional practices, policies, and legal issues. The course focuses on the relation of corrections to the criminal justice system, theories underlying correctional practice, and the role of institutions within the corrections system. Specifically, this course provides an overview of the field of corrections. It reviews the historical development of crime and corrections, sentencing, jails, prisons, correctional policies, agencies, prison life, and challenges facing correctional populations. Through various experiential opportunities, students will view the correctional system at work in jails, prisons and community-based programs.

#### Introduction to Psychology (10-809-198) Credits: 3

Students survey the multiple aspects of human behavior. This involves a survey of the theoretical foundations of human functioning in such areas as learning, motivation, emotions, personality, deviance and pathology, physiological factors, and social influences. The student forms an insightful understanding of the complexities of human relationships in personal, social, and vocational settings.

### Introduction to Diversity Studies (10-809-172) Credits: 3

Students draw from several disciplines to reaffirm the basic American values of justice and equality by learning a basic vocabulary, a history of immigration and conquest, principles of transcultural communication, legal liability and the value of aesthetic production to increase the probability of respectful encounters among people. In addition to an analysis of majority/minority relations in a multicultural context, the topics of ageism, sexism, gender differences, sexual orientation, the disabled and the American Disability Act (ADA) are explored. Ethnic relations are studied in global and comparative perspectives.

#### **SPRING** SEMESTER

## Introduction to Criminal Justice Studies (10-504-101) Credits: 3

This course explores criminal justice in the United States. It will provide students with an understanding of the American criminal justice system and its major components, including the police, the courts, and corrections. Students will explore the history, structure, functions, and philosophy of the criminal justice system and their relationship to life in our society. Exploration of career opportunities will be conducted through various experiential opportunities that will allow students to see and experience the criminal justice process firsthand.

#### Written Communication (10-801-195) Credits: 3

Students develop writing skills through prewriting, drafting, revising, and editing. Students complete writing assignments designed to help the learner analyze audience and purpose, research and organize ideas, and format and design documents based on subject matter and content. Students develop critical reading and thinking skills through the analysis of a variety of written documents.

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