



Criminal Justice Academy

Business and Finance Sector

- Careers in public service are unique because they center on challenging issues that define the public agenda and involve the provision of vital services to the public, from local to international levels.
- Public Service are those services provided by government to its citizens, regardless of a person's income. Those who work in this sector help operate schools, parks, hospitals, airports, water and power utilities, and more.
- Careers in this field generally offer good benefits and job security.
- Students choosing a career in this industry sector like to help people solve problems, enjoy volunteering, want job security and are interested in current affairs.

Benefits of Taking This Pathway

Seniors who meet the following requirements are eligible for a Career Pathways Cord at Graduation:

- Completion of a Pathway Program, with a C or better within the pathway.
- Earn an overall GPA of 2.0

Potential College Majors

- Criminal Justice
- Psychology
- Forensic Science
- Juvenile Justice
- Criminology

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- GUHS

Potential Careers

- Police Officer
- Paramedic
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Judge
- Lawyer
- Elected Official
- Border Patrol

Criminal Justice Academy at GHS

Pathway Courses

Criminal Justice Academy 1 (GUHS)

Grades: 9 **Duration:** Year

HS Grad Req: Electives **US/CSU a-g:** G: Electives

Prerequisite: none

CTE Pathway (level): Criminal Justice Academy (preferred but not required)

Course Description: Criminal Justice Academy 1 is the beginning course in the four-year law enforcement/protective service series. This course introduces students to the many different kinds of jobs available in the protective services fields. This introductory course will place emphasis on historical influences, fundamental duties, obligations, and ethics inherent in a career in any of the law careers. Computer literacy and keyboarding skills will also be taught. Community service is required.

Law Enforcement 1 (GUHS)

Grades: 10 **Duration:** Year

HS Grad Req: Electives **US/CSU a-g:** Electives

Prerequisite: Criminal Justice 1 (preferred but not required)

CTE Pathway (level): Criminal Justice Academy (introductory)

Course Description: The purpose of this class is to introduce the student to the various positions in the area of Law Enforcement and other legal professions and the areas of support needed to maintain that particular office or agency. They will learn the importance of the U.S. Constitution as well as our state laws.

Law Enforcement 2 (GUHS)

Grades: 11 **Duration:** Year

HS Grad Req: Electives **US/CSU a-g:** Electives

Prerequisite: Law Enforcement 1

CTE Pathway (level): Criminal Justice Academy (concentrator)

Course Description: This course examines the constitutional basis and framework of the U.S. legal system and gives students training in legal research and writing. Topics covered include legal history, federal and state court systems, a survey of the U.S. legal tradition, and the evolution of civil rights.

Law Enforcement 3 (GUHS)

Grades: 12 **Duration:** Year

HS Grade Req: Electives **UC/CSU a-g:** Electives

Prerequisite: Law Enforcement 2

CTE Pathway: Criminal Justice Academy (capstone)

Course Description: In this course students examine how statutes and policies are developed to safeguard society. Includes an analysis of civil rights and liberties, and the ways courts and legislators deal with constitutional questions. The course also examines civil law and its application to everyday life. Instruction includes the evolution of civil rights from those recognized in early interpretations of the Constitution through the Civil War to the present day and fundamentals of legal research, writing, and citation.

Continuing Pathways Post-Secondary

American River College:

- Public Safety Certificate towards PD Academy
- Legal Assisting AA Degree
- Psychology AA Degree
- Political Science AA Degree

CSU Sacramento:

- Criminal Justice BS Degree
- Psychology BS Degree
- Social Justice Masters Degree
- Public Policy Master Degree