

PHILLIPS COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS PROGRAM REVIEW

Law Enforcement	43.0103	9 Credit hours	CP
Criminal Justice	43.0104	60 Credit Hours	AAS

BRIEF SUMMARY

Enrollment and Productivity Outcomes/ Annual Completions: Average 3.8 AAS degrees and 15.6 CPs during the last five years. This program does not meet the AAS viability standard required by ADHE; However, ADHE does not consider this program nonviable because of the large number of CPs awarded within this cognate program. In fact, this program was not listed on the nonviable list. Additionally, it is central to our mission and low cost. Many police officers and sheriff's do not need the AAS, they just need certain courses for advancement and that is usually only six credit hours. There was a late summer graduate who will graduate this December. If that student had been included in the summer number, the program AAS graduates would be four for 2023 not 3.8.

CERTIFICATE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	TOTAL	AVG.
CP	14	15	8	21	20	78	15.6
AAS	4	4	3	3	5	19	3.8

ADHE indicated that CPs are considered when calculating program viability and this program was viable at the CP level. A phone meeting with ADHE representatives in November about program viability included a discussion of nonviable programs. Criminal Justice was not included in the list because ADHE considered this program viable. It is our hope that the UA System will make that same consideration.

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Total Average Income Per Year over Five Years=\$21,472

Total Cost for the Program for Five Years=\$40,837.50

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PCCUA MISSION

Phillips Community College has always been a leader and innovator in higher education in Arkansas.

The College has academic, occupational/technical, and continuing education programs. Opportunities for programs are continually being researched and planned so that PCCUA will remain responsive to the needs and interests of the people of Eastern Arkansas.

Phillips Community College is a multi-campus, two-year college serving the communities of Eastern Arkansas. The college is committed to helping every student succeed. We provide high-quality, accessible educational opportunities and skills development to promote life-long learning, and we engage in the lives of our students and our communities.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE PROGRAM

PCCUA is biracial and has one of the highest percentages of underserved minority citizens in Arkansas. With a crime rate of 74 per one thousand residents, Helena-West Helena residents have one of the highest crime rates in America when compared to all communities of its size. The chances of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime here is one in 14. When looking at other towns in Arkansas, more than 99% of the communities have a lower crime rate than Helena-West Helena. Violent offenses tracked in our crime data include rape, murder and non-negligent manslaughter, armed robbery, and aggravated assault, including assault with a deadly weapon. Most of these crimes involves juveniles in our community. According to “*Neighborhood Scout’s*” analysis of FBI reported crime data, your chance of becoming a victim of one of these crimes in Helena-West Helena is one in 38. All of the police officers on the Helena-West Helena Police Force are enrolled in a voluntary Saturday morning class for improving report writing, safety, and better community policing. Several of these police officers are enrolled in the CJI program, however, the pace for these students is much slower than with other programs. It is difficult to be a policeman or any enforcement officers in today’s world. We are making progress toward increasing the number of graduates but that progress is slow. However, the dismal community crime statistics indicate how much this program is needed by local enforcement officers and possible recruits.

ADHE believes the program is viable and approves our status and we hope the Board of Trustees feels the same way. Our communities desperately need this program. It meets our mission, is low cost, and has a very high CP productivity which has been serving as a recruitment pool for law enforcement.

Phillips, Lee, and Arkansas Counties need this program. Especially Phillips and Lee Counties have serious issues and having a program available to serve our local enforcement officers and recruits is important. Both communities are plagued with the following problems:

- High poverty rate
- High crime rate
- Low wages for officers
- Inadequate equipment for officer to help better protect them.
- Run down and empty buildings
- Few local businesses
- High drug distribution and usage
- Few resources for physical and mental health
- Few job opportunities

Community demographics reflect this.

	Phillips Co.	Lee Co.	ARK.	U.S.
2022 Population	15,304			333,287,557
2020 Population	16,576↓	8,857 ↓	3,017,014 ↑	328,239,523↑
2010 Population	21,757	9,424	2,196,031	308,401,808
White	34.9%	43.1%	79.0%	76.3%
Black	62.6%	54.4%	15.7%	13.4%
HS Grad.	81.7%	73%	86.2%	88.9%
Bachelor's	14.3%	8.9%	22.6%	33.7%
Unemployment Rate	10.1%	9.0%	7.3%	7.9%
Median Income	\$32,235	\$28,367	\$45,725	\$69,021
Poverty	35.7%	43.0%	16.2%	11.5%
Renting	47.4%	42.3%	34.3%	35.4%

Us Census Bureau Quick Facts

HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice began in the Fall of 2016. It serves as the culmination of a Certificate of Proficiency in Law Enforcement. This program focuses on the criminal justice system, its organizational components and processes, and its legal and public policy contexts. It includes instruction in criminal law and policy, police and correctional systems organization, the administration of justice and the judiciary, and public attitudes regarding criminal justice issues. Phillips and Arkansas Counties' enforcement and justice agencies need multi-skilled workers who can perform a variety of tasks and have a strong social science educational base (people skills). Many of the enforcement and justice service agencies have overlapping responsibilities.

MAJORS DECLARED/COST PER COURSE

Term	Enrolled CJI-103	Enrolled CJI-113	Enrolled CJI-123	Enrolled CJI-143	Enrolled CJI-163	Enrolled CJI-213	Enrolled CJI-243	Enrolled CJI-233	Enrolled CJI-263	Enrolled CJI-273
2021FAL	49	-	23	-	12	-	11	-	10	4
2022SPR	2	-	11	81	-	12	-	1	-	3
2022S1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
2022FAL	38	7	13	31	-	-	1	-	-	3
2023SPR	38	-	1	45	-	-	1	9	7	3
2023FAL	35	-	22	30	17	-	22	1	17	-

The classes are offered every four terms. The courses serve local law enforcement officials. Most law enforcement officers receive experiential credit for CJI 113. If a student needs a course within the CJI course rotation, PCCUA offers it as an independent study.

BUDGET

Program Income

2018-19	\$1,465 x 4 terms = \$5,860 X 4 graduates = \$23,440
2019-20	\$1,465 x 3 terms + \$1,510 X 1 term = \$5905 X 3 graduates = \$17,750
	Total \$4,395 + \$1,510
2020-21	\$1,465 x 2 terms + \$1,510 X 2 terms = \$5950 X 3 graduates = \$17,850
	Total \$2,930 + \$3,020
2021-22	\$1,465 x 1 term + \$1,510 x 3 terms = \$5,995 x 4 graduates = \$23,980
	Total \$1,465 + \$4,530
2022-23	\$1,510 X 3 terms + \$1,555 x 1 term = \$6,085 x 4 graduates = \$24,340
	Total \$4,520 + \$1,555

Total Income for Five Years = \$107,360.00

Total Average Income Per Year over Five Years = \$21,472

This is a low estimate because more students are enrolled in the courses than graduates.

Program Costs-approximately two courses per term and several independent study courses are offered to students, especially the internships required for graduation. All courses are taught by adjunct faculty or full-time faculty for additional compensation.

2018-19	$\$1650 \times 4 \text{ terms} = \$6,600 + \$206.25 \text{ IS} \times 10 \text{ (five students take 2 classes @ } \$206.25 \text{ per class)} = \$8,662.50$ Total $\$6,600 + \$2,062.50$
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