

**TOPIC: RECOMMENDATION TO APPROVE AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS
IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE STATE SYSTEM OF
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

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I. SUMMARY

This consent item recommends approval of the Colorado state system of community college's Associate of Arts (A.A.) in Criminal Justice, to go along with the Statewide Articulation Agreement in Criminal Justice approved by the Commission at its January 22, 2013 meeting.

II. BACKGROUND

Pursuant to the Colorado state system of community college's role and mission (§23-60-201, C.R.S.), community colleges may offer two-year degree programs with or without academic designation. Also, §23-60-211, C.R.S., states, in part:

A two-year degree program with academic designation shall only be for a degree program that has a valid student transfer agreement pursuant to section 23-1-108 (7)... The community college shall then submit the degree program designation to the board for its review and approval. The community college may offer the degree program only after it has been approved by the board and by the Colorado commission on higher education. The community college shall exclusively use the degree program designation name in official publications, course catalogs, diplomas, and official transcripts.

III. STAFF ANALYSIS

Department staff worked extensively with the General Education (GE) Council and community college faculty in developing the Statewide Articulation Agreement in Criminal Justice, which includes the A.A. in Criminal Justice. The proposed A.A. in Criminal Justice fits the Colorado state system of community college's statutory role and mission, meets Pathways requirements and was approved by the State Board for Community Colleges and Occupational Education at its February 13, 2013 meeting.

IV. STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the Commission approves the Colorado Community College System's proposed Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Copies of all relevant materials are on file in the Academic Affairs Division and are available upon request.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

23-5-129 C.R.S.