

# Criminal Justice

Degree Awarded: Associate in Science

## Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester	Credits
ENG 101 Freshman English 1	3
CRJ 101 Criminal Justice	3
_____ SUNY Math (GE 1) - MAT 120 or higher*	3-4
PSY 101 General Psychology 1 or	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
CRJ 107 Industrial/Private Security or	
CRJ 106 Patrol Operations	3
PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness	1
Second Semester	
ENG 102 Freshman English 2	3
CRJ 111 Criminology	3
CRJ 113 Correction, Probation & Parole	3
CRJ 105 Police Community Relations	3
COM 101 Foundations of Communication	3
PES ____ Physical Education	1
Third Semester	
CRJ 213 Police Organization Admn.	3
_____ SUNY Natural Science (GE 2)	3-4
CRJ 215 Criminal Investigations 1	3
_____ Restricted SUNY Elective**	3
CRJ 115 Constitutional Law & Criminal Procedure	3
Fourth Semester	
CRJ 226 Criminalistics	3
_____ Restricted SUNY Elective**	3
CRJ 103 Understanding the Juvenile Offender	3
CRJ 211 Criminal Law	3
_____ Elective	3

Total Credits: 62-64

\* Students must complete MAT 120 (or higher). MAT 102 can be counted as an elective.

\*\* Select two from SUNY Western Civilization (GE 5) or Other/World Civilization (GE 6) or Arts (GE 8) or Foreign Language (GE 9) or American History (GE 4) lists. Do not duplicate category.

*This program can be completed in its entirety at either the Middletown campus or the Newburgh campus.*

## Program Description

The mission of the SUNY Orange Department of Criminal Justice is to provide qualitative educational programs in the areas of Law, Justice, Corrections and Law Enforcement. Through this programming, our students develop skills and knowledge that prepares them to continue their education and/ or to pursue entry level careers in the field of criminal justice.

The Associate in Science (A.S.) degree in Criminal Justice prepares students to continue their education in four-year degree programs in criminal justice or related liberal arts areas of study. These may include forensic psychology, public administration, sociology, cyber security, criminology and pre-law. The A.S. degree in Criminal Justice is designed to facilitate the acquisition of the technological and critical thinking skills that are essential for success in the criminal justice field. Graduates of this program will have both a general educational background as well as the criminal justice insight needed to pursue careers within the justice system. This degree program is reviewed regularly to ensure that the course content reflects contemporary issues facing the criminal justice system (e.g. homeland security, terrorism, cyber security, technological advancements, diversity and ethics) and explores criminal justice topics such as the nature and extent of crime, public policy implications related to justice, racial and ethnic profiling, crime scene processing, law enforcement technology and terrorism. Moreover, there are courses devoted to the treatment of adult and juvenile offenders as well as an internship program where students are afforded the opportunity to utilize their newly acquired skills and knowledge in an actual criminal justice environment. The A.S. in Criminal Justice provides students with a solid foundation from which to continue their education as well as pursue a rewarding career.

## Admission Criteria

Admission to these programs requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (HSEs). If students are not high school graduates they may be eligible for admission to the college's 24 credit hour program. If students are home schooled, they may be eligible for admission. (See pages 7 through 13 for more details on the admission process for all applicants).

## Degree Programs, Classes and Advising

Criminal Justice degree programs are offered at both the Middletown and Newburgh campuses. We have day and evening classes and many of our courses are also available online. Students will be assigned a faculty advisor who can help answer any questions they might have regarding classes, scheduling, etc. All teaching faculty have weekly office hours during the Fall and Spring semesters and are usually available at other times by appointment. If you need to contact a faculty member we encourage you to email them. Email addresses can be found on our website -

[www.sunyorange.edu/cj/faculty.shtml](http://www.sunyorange.edu/cj/faculty.shtml)

## Program Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of these programs, students will demonstrate:

- an understanding of the components and functions of the criminal justice system (police, courts, corrections)
- an understanding of the common concepts relevant to the criminal justice system and be able to assess and discuss these concepts.
- an understanding of our legal system, constitutional law, procedural law and substantive law.
- an understanding of the importance of diversity and ethics and their impact and relevancy within the criminal justice system.
- effective oral and written communication skills



## Criminal Justice Offices

The Department of Criminal Justice's Middletown office is located Hudson Hall room 103 and our Newburgh office is located in room 317 of the Tower Building. Please feel free to stop by and say hello. You will find the Criminal Justice faculty and staff eager to assist you as you move towards completing your degree.

## Career Opportunities

- Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
- Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS)
- park police
- postal inspector
- secret service agent
- secret service uniformed
- deputy sheriff
- state police/trooper
- police officer
- district attorney
- defense counsel
- correction officer
- forensics specialist
- court clerk
- judge

## Transfer Opportunities

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer.

These institutions include:

- Berkley College
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Marist College
- Mount St. Mary College
- Pace University
- St. Thomas Aquinas
- St John's University
- SUNY

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