

Criminal Justice

Degree Awarded: Associate in Science

Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester	Credits
ENG 101 Freshman English 1	3
CRJ 101 Criminal Justice	3
CRJ 105 Police Community Relations	3
CRJ 107 Industrial/Private Security or	
CRJ 106 Patrol Operations	3
CRJ 215 Criminal Investigation 1	3
PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness	1
Second Semester	
ENG 102 Freshman English 2	3
CRJ 111 Criminology	3
_____ SUNY Math (GE 1) -	
_____ MAT 121 or higher*	3/4
CRJ 213 Police Organization Admn.	3
CRJ 216 Criminal Investigation 2	3
PES _____ Physical Education	1
Third Semester	
PSY 101 General Psychology 1 or	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
CRJ 109 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement	3
_____ SUNY Natural Science (GE 2)	3/4
CRJ 226 Criminalistics	3
_____ Restricted SUNY Elective**	3
Fourth Semester	
COM 101 Foundations of Communication	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 121 (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 Associate in Science degree program 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. It is designed to facilitate the acquisition of technological and critical thinking skills that are essential for success in the criminal justice field. Graduates of this degree program will have both the general educational background as well as the criminal justice expertise to pursue careers in the many diverse criminal justice areas of study.

The program is regularly reviewed to insure that course content is current with contemporary issues that impact the criminal justice system, such as homeland security, terrorism, cyber security, technological advancements, diversity and ethics. The program courses explore contemporary criminal justice issues such as the nature and causes of crime, crime as a public policy issue, racial profiling and global issues such as transnational terrorism. There are specific courses devoted to the institutional treatment of the adult and juvenile offender 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 related work environment. This program assures the students of a solid foundation to pursue higher education and rewarding careers in criminal justice.

Admission Criteria

Admission to this program requires that students be high school graduates or have high school equivalency diplomas (GEDs). 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.)

Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- develop critical thinking skills and apply these skills in discussing complex issues in criminal justice.
- identify common concepts relevant to the understanding of the criminal justice system and be able to critically assess and debate these issues.
- develop problem solving skills and be able to apply these skills to issues that impact the diverse areas of the criminal justice system.
- develop an understanding of our legal system, constitutional law, procedural law and substantive law.
- be able to understand and discuss the complex issues of diversity and ethics and their impact on the criminal justice system.



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 transfer institutions include:

- John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- Pace University
- State University of New York (SUNY)

Contact Information

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