

Criminal Justice–Police

Degree Awarded: Associate in Applied 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	3
CRJ 215 Criminal Investigation 1	3
PES 100 Concepts of Physical Wellness	1
Second Semester	
ENG 102 Freshman English 2	3
PSY ____ Psychology Course	3
CRJ 111 Criminology	3
CRJ 106 Patrol Operations	3
CRJ 216 Criminal Investigation 2	3
PES ____ Physical Education	1
Third Semester	
SOC 120 Social Problems or	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3
CRJ 103 Understanding the Juvenile Offender	3
____ Math or Liberal Arts Science	3
CRJ 213 Police Organization & Administration	3
CRJ 226 Criminalistics	3
Fourth Semester	
COM 101 Foundation of Communication	3
POL 102 U.S. Gov't-State & Local	3
CRJ 211 Criminal Law	3
____ Math or Liberal Arts Science	3
____ Elective*	3

Total Credits: 62

* Recommend taking CRJ 109 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement

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

Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science degree program in Criminal Justice–Police provides the student with the necessary credits required to apply for employment in one of the many local, state or federal criminal justice agencies.

The overall program design is to prepare the student for a career path in law enforcement, security, law, probation, parole, juvenile justice and investigation. The coursework provides study and practice in the necessary critical thinking and technological skills the student will need to function effectively in the law enforcement field. The program offers courses on criminal investigations that cover all aspects of an investigation, including interviewing techniques, rights of the accused, search warrant requirements and wiretapping. It also includes a complete course of criminalistics which focuses on fingerprinting and fingerprint classification and identification, blood analysis and crime scene photography. Contemporary law enforcement issues are examined, including searching without a warrant, automobile stops, racial profiling, transnational terrorism and police-community relations are thoroughly discussed and critically evaluated. All classes emphasize interactive critical assessment of contemporary policing issues as well as hands-on practical application of skills. All instructors, in addition to their advanced educational backgrounds, are experienced practitioners in the fields of law enforcement, courts and corrections.

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.)

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Student Learning Outcomes

Students will:

- develop critical thinking skills and apply these skills in discussing complex issues that confront police administrators.
- be able to identify the origins of policing systems and be able to assess problems that confront modern policing systems.
- be able to identify relevant issues of constitutional, procedural and substantive law.
- be able to understand and critically discuss the complex issues involving diversity and ethics as they relate to professional policing.
- be able to understand the importance of crime scene protection and be able to demonstrate the proper methods of gathering and presenting evidence properly.



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
- ballistics specialist
- fingerprint specialist
- security

Transfer Opportunities

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

These transfer institutions include:

- Pace University
- State University of New York (SUNY)

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