

Criminal Justice

Degree Type

Associate in Applied Science

Type

Career

Division of Liberal Arts & Professional Studies

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A rewarding, action-oriented career in Criminal Justice begins with a balanced combination of law enforcement theory and practical experience. Anchored in a solid curriculum that includes liberal arts courses, the Criminal Justice program prepares students for careers in law enforcement, security, investigation, corrections, military intelligence, and other related professions. To qualify for positions in the criminal justice field, graduates usually must pass a written civil service examination, physical agility tests and are subject to background investigations.

Graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of the criminal justice system, the causes of criminal conduct, and the response to criminal behavior;
- Demonstrate beginning application of law;
- Understand the value of ethical behavior in the administration of justice;
- Apply critical thinking in criminal justice;
- Apply beginning technical proficiencies;
- Use appropriate communication skills;
- Demonstrate awareness of our pluralistic society to foster understanding and tolerance.

Hands-on experience combines with studies in government, law, psychology, and literature to develop the competence needed for the variety of demands placed daily on criminal justice personnel. Recognized throughout the northeast as an exceptional educational facility, SUNY CCC features state-of-the-art investigative tools. It is also a New York State regional training center that certifies law enforcement officers.

Newly added to this program is a Law Enforcement Track. Students who choose this option will attend CCC's Southern Tier Law Enforcement track typically in their fourth and final semester. Graduates in the Law Enforcement Track will have attained a level of expertise in the areas of New York State laws, crime scene investigations, physical training, defensive tactics, emergency medical services, emergency vehicle operations, and many other ancillary police activities sufficient for New York State Phase I Certification. Graduates will receive both an Associate in Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice and Police Basic Training certification. Students interested in this option must apply; acceptance is not guaranteed and is determined in part based on successful completion of a background check, physical fitness requirements, and an oral board interview.

*Note that the Southern Tier Law Enforcement Academy is offered in the Spring semester only. Students who begin this program in Spring or Summer semesters will require careful advising to ensure preparation for an academy session prior to their final semester.

Program Requirements

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1010	College Composition I	3.0
ENGL 1020	College Composition II	3.0
	MATH 1150 or higher	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3.0
SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3.0
	Social Sciences Elective	3
	Government Elective	3
	Laboratory Science Elective	3
CRJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
CRJ 1030	Police Operations	3.0
CRJ 1040	Criminal Procedure Law	3.0
CRJ 1050	Penal Law	3.0
CRJ 2015	Criminal Investigations	3.0
CRJ 2025	Criminal Evidence & Procedure	3.0
CRJ 2050	Criminal Justice Ethics	3.0
	Criminal Justice Electives	9
	SPCH 1060 or SPCH 1080	3
	Liberal Arts & Sciences Electives	3
	Free Electives	3
	Total Credits	63

Course Sequencing

Criminal Justice Track

Intended as a guide for academic planning. It need not be followed exactly or completed in four semesters.

First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1010	College Composition I	3.0
	MATH 1150 or higher	3
CRJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
	GOVT 1010, GOVT 1020, or GOVT 2040	3
SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3.0

Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1020	College Composition II	3.0
CRJ 1030	Police Operations	3.0
	Laboratory Science Elective	3
CRJ 1040	Criminal Procedure Law	3.0
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3.0

Third Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRJ 1050	Penal Law	3.0
CRJ 2015	Criminal Investigations	3.0
CRJ 2025	Criminal Evidence & Procedure	3.0
	Liberal Arts & Sciences Electives	3
	Social Science Elective	3

Fourth Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRJ 2050	Criminal Justice Ethics	3.0
	Criminal Justice Electives	9
	SPCH 1060 or SPCH 1080	3
	Free Electives	3

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First Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1010	College Composition I	3.0
	MATH 1150 or higher	3
CRJ 1010	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3.0
	GOVT 1010, GOVT 1020, or GOVT 2040	3
SOCI 1010	Introduction to Sociology	3.0

Second Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1020	College Composition II	3.0
CRJ 1030	Police Operations	3.0
CRJ 1040	Criminal Procedure Law	3.0
	Laboratory Science Elective	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychological Science	3.0

Third Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
CRJ 2050	Criminal Justice Ethics	3.0
PEPD 1018	Cooper Norm Standards Preparation	3.0
	Liberal Arts & Sciences Electives	3
	Social Science Elective	3
	SPCH 1060 or SPCH 1080	3

Fourth Semester

Item #	Title	Credits
ENGL 1410	Police Report Writing	2.0
CRJ 1540	Police Physical Conditioning and Wellness	2.0
CRJ 1550	Laws of New York State	3.0
CRJ 1560	Basic Police Procedures	3.0
CRJ 1570	Police Community Interaction	3.0
CRJ 1580	Police Investigations	3.0
CRJ 1590	Police Certified First Responder	2.0

Footnotes

*Based on placement, students might be required to take developmental and/or prerequisite classes before taking the required English and Math courses.

*Liberal Arts & Sciences Elective: PHIL 1300, or any designated DEI/SJ elective, is recommended.

*Criminal Justice Electives: Select any GOVT course, HUSR 1211, 1221, 1581, 1582, 1590 or PSYC 2030, 2208, 2214, SOCI 2000, 2030, 2310, 2210, or any CRJ course not required for the AAS degree.