

Criminal Justice - Police



● CAREER DEGREE
 M MIDDLETOWN CAMPUS
 N NEWBURGH CAMPUS
 DL DISTANCE LEARNING

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 Applied Science (A.A.S) degree program in Criminal Justice–Police is aimed at students who do not anticipate continuing their studies at a four-year institution because they envision themselves entering the workforce directly upon graduating. As a result, the A.A.S. degree does not have the same math or science requirements as the A.S. degree, though many of the other required courses in the A.A.S. degree are identical to those required by the A.S. degree. The A.A.S. provides students with the college credits often required by many local, state and federal criminal justice agencies so it is intended to prepare students for entry level positions in law enforcement, security, law, probation, parole, juvenile justice and investigations. All instructors, in addition to their advanced educational backgrounds, are experienced practitioners in their fields.

This degree has been approved by SUNY and NYS Education Department for online distance learning delivery. This does not mean that SUNY Orange offers every course in the program online; however, many are offered in this format. Please check the current credit course schedule for online DL virtual course listings offered each semester.

Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program, students will demonstrate an understanding of:

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

Admissions 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.

Transfer Options

SUNY Orange graduates can seamlessly transfer to four-year SUNY campuses. The College also has special relationships with other upper-level colleges and universities for transfer. These transfer institutions include:

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

Your Career Coach

Career opportunities exist in the following fields:

- 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
- corrections officer

- forensics specialist
- court clerk
- ballistics specialist
- fingerprint specialist
- security

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Criminal Justice - Police Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: CRJ 101, CRJ 106, CRJ 107
- Key courses: CRJ 103, CRJ 105, CRJ 106, CRJ 107, CRJ 111, CRJ 113, CRJ 115, CRJ 211, CRJ 215, CRJ 216, CRJ 213, CRJ 226
- Electives: CRJ 109, CRJ 210, CRJ 230

Courses above have been recommended by the department to help introduce you to the program (Gateway courses) and guide you in selecting courses that will provide you with the best academic experience (Key courses and suggested Electives).

First Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 101	Freshman English 1 (G10A [w] & G11A)	P	3
CRJ 101	Criminal Justice		3
CRJ 103	Understanding the Juvenile Offender		3
CRJ 105	Police-Community Relations		3
CRJ 107	Industrial and Private Security		3
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
	Total Semester Credits		16

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- See an advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students
- Register for classes

Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2 (G7A and G12A)	P	3
PSY ____	Psychology Course		3
CRJ 106	Patrol Operations	P/C	3
CRJ 111	Criminology		3
POL 102	U.S. Government-State and Local (G4A)		3
PES ____	Physical Education Elective		1
	Total Semester Credits		16

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- Register for classes

Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
Or	Introduction to Sociology (G3A and G6A)		
SOC 101			
Either	Social Problems (G3A and G6A)		3
SOC 120			
Either	Intermediate Algebra (G1A)		3
MAT 102			
Or	Introduction to Statistics or higher (G1A)		3

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
MAT 120 or higher			
CRJ 213	Police Organization and Administration	P	3
CRJ 215	Criminal Investigation 1	P	3
CRJ 226	Criminalistics	P	3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- See an advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students (sessions are available at both Newburgh and Middletown campuses)
- Register for classes

Fourth Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
COM 101	Foundation of Communication (G10A [o] and G11A)		3
CRJ 211	Criminal Law	P	3
CRJ 216	Criminal Investigation 2	P/C	3
_____	SUNY Natural Sciences (G2A)		3
_____	Elective		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

Milestones

During this semester, students should:

- See an advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students (sessions are available at both Newburgh and Middletown campuses)
- Apply for graduation

TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 62