

# Criminal Justice



◆ TRANSFER 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 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.

*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 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

## 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.

## Transfer Options

SUNY Orange has special relationships with upper-level colleges and universities for transfer. In addition to all schools within the SUNY system, these 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

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- deputy sheriff
- state police/trooper
- police officer
- district attorney
- defense counsel
- corrections officer
- forensics specialist
- court clerk
- judge

## Criminal Justice Gateway Courses:

- Gateway courses: CRJ 101, CRJ 106, CRJ 107
- Key courses: CRJ 111, CRJ 113, CRJ 115, CRJ 213, CRJ 211
- Electives: CRJ 103, CRJ 105, CRJ 106, CRJ 107, CRJ 109, CRJ 210, CRJ 215, CRJ 216, CRJ 226, 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	P	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology		3
MAT 120	Introduction to Statistics or higher	P	3
CRJ 101	Criminal Justice		3
CRJ ____	Criminal Justice elective *		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

- See advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students
- Register for classes
- Meet with Criminal Justice advisor for a career inventory assessment and briefing on upcoming law enforcement exams and filing deadlines.

## Second Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
ENG 102	Freshman English 2	P	3
PSY 111	Intro to Psychology		3
COM 101	Foundations of Communication		3
CRJ 111	Criminology		3
CRJ 113	Correction, Probation and Parole	P	3
PES ____	Physical Education		1
	Total Semester Credits		16

## Milestones

### During this semester, students should:

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

## Third Semester

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
CRJ 213	Police Organization Administration	P	3
CRJ 115	Constitutional Law and Criminal Procedure	P	3
CRJ ____	Criminal Justice elective *		3
____	SUNY Natural Science (GE 2)		3-4
____	Restricted SUNY Elective **		3
PES 100	Concepts of Physical Wellness		1
	Total Semester Credits		16-17

**Milestones**

**During this semester, students should:**

- See advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students (sessions are available at both Newburgh and Middletown campuses)
- Register for classes
- Meet with Criminal Justice advisor for a career inventory assessment and briefing on upcoming law enforcement exams and filing deadlines.

**Fourth Semester**

Course #	Course Name	P, C, P/C	Cr
CRJ 211	Criminal Law	P	3
CRJ ____	Criminal Justice elective *		3
CRJ ____	Criminal Justice elective *		3
_____	Restricted SUNY Elective #		3
_____	Any SUNY GE elective		3
	Total Semester Credits		15

**Milestones**

**During this semester, students should:**

- See advisor and note the availability of group advising for criminal justice students (sessions are available at both Newburgh and Middletown campuses)
- Apply for graduation
- Line up letters of recommendation, if needed, from instructors, department chair, and faculty advisors

**TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS: 62-64**

**Notes:**

#Select from GE 4, 5, 6, 8 or 9 (not already taken).

\*CRJ Electives: CRJ 103 Understanding the Juvenile Offender, CRJ 105 Police Community Relations, CRJ 106 Patrol Operations, CRJ 107 Industrial and Private Security, CRJ 109 Critical Issues in Law Enforcement, CRJ 210 Terrorism and Society, CRJ 215 Criminal Investigation 1, CRJ 216 Criminal Investigation 2, CRJ 226 Criminalistics, CRJ 230 Criminal Justice Internship

\*\*Select from GE 4, 5 or 6.