

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (A.A.S.)

HEGIS: 5505
SUNY CODE: 0640



The Criminal Justice A.A.S. program is designed to prepare students for careers in criminal justice agencies as paraprofessionals in law enforcement, criminal investigation, probation, parole and similar fields. A three-credit internship experience is designed to integrate the theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom with the practical knowledge of working in the field. Graduates are prepared to:

- Effectively engage in proactive approaches to deter crime and to investigate and apprehend those who break the law
- Participate in the field of corrections in the areas of detention, supervision, administration and rehabilitation of incarcerated persons or those who obtain alternatives to incarceration
- Contribute to the criminal justice system as professionals in Federal and State courts
- Successfully perform operations necessary to ensure security in both the private and public sector
- Demonstrate an understanding of police ethics and how to resolve issues of an ethical nature
- Demonstrate an understanding of our correctional system, the concepts of probation and parole, the nature of punishment and trends in corrections

Career Opportunities/Transfer Information

Graduates find employment as police officers, criminal investigators, IRS agents, customs agents, park rangers, environmental conservation officers, state troopers, corrections officers, corrections counselors, bailiffs, court administrators, criminalists, alarm investigators, credit investigators, security detectives and loss prevention specialists. While not designed as a transfer program, many of our graduates go on to four-year colleges and universities such as SUC at Brockport, SUC at Oswego, SUNY Albany, SUC at Plattsburgh, SUC at Oneonta, SUNY Institute of Technology and Utica College.

1st Year					
1st Semester		Credits	2nd Semester	Credits	
CJ 120	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJ 124	Criminal Procedure Law	3
CJ 123	Criminal Substantive Law	3	CJ 125	Introduction to Law Enforcement	3
EN 111	English I	3	EN 112	English II	3
FS 100	First Year Student Seminar	1		Criminal Justice Elective	3
SS 151	Introductory Psychology	3		Mathematics Elective*	3
SS 161	Introductory Sociology	3		Physical Education Activity	1
	Total	16		Total	16

2nd Year					
3rd Semester		Credits	4th Semester	Credits	
CJ 151	Introduction to Corrections	3	IS 115	Computer Applications I	3
HU 150	Ethics and Criminal Justice	1	SS 136	Criminology	3
SS 167	Juvenile Delinquency	3	CJ 271	Criminal Justice Practicum OR	
SS 241	American Minorities	3		Criminal Justice Elective OR	
	American History Selective	3		Social Science Elective**	3
	Science Elective	3-4		Electives	3-4
	Total	16-17		English or Humanities Elective	3
				Physical Education Activity	1
				Total	16-17

*64-66 Credits Required
for the
Associate in Applied Science Degree*

Students should consult with their academic advisor for appropriate course selections.

*Must be MA 124 or higher.

**Recommended SS electives include SS 141, SS 152, SS 155, SS 162, SS 210, SS 225.

Prerequisites for CJ 271, Criminal Justice Practicum:

1. Student must have completed basic core CJ courses: CJ 120, CJ 123, CJ 124, CJ 210.
2. Student must have completed or be enrolled in HU 150.
3. Student's CJ GPA in above courses must be 2.3 or above.
4. Student's overall GPA must be 2.0 or above.
5. Student must obtain permission of instructor.

For more information, contact the Humanities and Social Science Division at (315) 866-0300 or toll free 1-888-GO-4-HCCC, ext. 8200/8430.

This program is Internet accessible and may be completed entirely online.
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