

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS

HEGIS: 5505
SUNY CODE: 1329

Forensic Investigations provides a unique alternative to traditional criminal justice programs and is designed to develop occupational competence for entry into public law enforcement and/or private investigative fields. Graduates are prepared to:

- Locate, document and collect physical evidence at a crime scene
- Insure the chain of custody is maintained
- Properly mark all evidence prior to collection and account for it at all times until the crime is solved

Career Opportunities/Transfer Information

Graduates find employment in entry level positions in public and private investigative agencies and companies. Projected annual statewide job openings through 2008 are 300 new jobs and 1,120 replacement jobs. While not designed as a transfer program, graduates may go on to colleges and universities such as SUNY College of Technology at Canton, John Jay College, SUC at Buffalo, SUNY at Albany, SUC at Oneonta, SUC at Plattsburgh, SUC at Brockport 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	EN 112 English II	3
EN 111 English I	3	EN 171 Introduction to Technical Writing	3
FS 100 First Year Student Seminar	1	SS 136 Criminology	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 125 Introduction to Law Enforcement	3	CJ 126 Issues in Law Enforcement	3
CJ 141 Police Organization & Management	3	CJ 271 Criminal Justice Practicum OR	
CJ 142 Criminal Investigation OR		CJ 272 Practicum in Private Security OR	
CJ 143 Criminal Investigations for Police Officers***	3-4	Criminal Justice Elective OR	
SC 150 Forensic Science I	4	Social Science Elective****	3
American History Selective	3	HU 150 Ethics and Criminal Justice	1
Physical Education Activity	1	HU 242 Forensic Photography	3
Total	17-18	IS 115 Computer Software Applications I	3
		Social Science Selective*****	3
		Total	16

*66-67 Credits Required
for the
Associate in Applied Science Degree*

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

*This elective may not be a CJ class.

**Must be MA 124 or MA 127.

***The four-credit course is for certified police only.

****Recommended Social Science electives include SS 136, SS 141, SS 151, SS 152, SS 155, SS 162, SS 167, SS 210, SS 225 and SS 241.

*****Student must choose from the following: SS 164, SS 210, SS 225, or SS 227.

Prerequisites for CJ 271, Criminal Justice Practicum or CJ 272, Practicum in Private Security:

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.