

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 Freshman 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	CJ 271 Criminal Justice Practicum OR	
HU 150 Ethics and Criminal Justice	1	Criminal Justice Elective OR	
SS 167 Juvenile Delinquency	3	Social Science Elective**	3
SS 122 American History II OR		IS 115 Computer Applications I	3
SS 141 American Government	3	SS 136 Criminology	3
SS 241 American Minorities	3	Electives	3-4
Science Elective	3-4	English or Humanities Elective	3
Total	16-17	Physical Education Activity	1
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*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 Social Science Division at (315) 866-0300 or toll free 1-888-GO-4-HCCC, ext. 8430.

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