Criminal Justice, A.A.

HEGIS: 5505.00
PROGRAM CODE: 32563
PROGRAM DIRECTOR: Dr. Vanda Seward

DEPARTMENT: BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

The Criminal Justice AA degree is a jointly registered dual enrollment degree program with John Jay College of Criminal Justice and prepares students for transfer to their baccalaureate program. Courses provide foundational knowledge on the historical development, functions, and roles of the criminal justice system, critical examination of criminological theories and their application, and critical analysis of the social response to crime and the practice of criminal justice.

The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the major in Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. If you enrolled as a matriculant prior to that, please see the *College Catalog* for the year you started the major as a matriculant for the curriculum requirements that apply to you.

Consultation with the Program Advisor is required.

Degree Maps:

Degree Map for Criminal Justice, A.A.

Your Degree Map contains the suggested term-by-term course sequence for your academic path towards graduation.

To ensure successful and timely completion of your degree, it is recommended that you meet with your academic advisor to discuss your unique map.

Please note some courses *may* only be offered once an academic year.

Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Criminal Justice degree program requirements, graduates will:

1. understand the historical development, functions, and roles of each component of the criminal justice system
2. describe and critically examine the major criminological theories on crime causation and prevention, and apply them to criminal justice practice
3. critically analyze the social response to crime and the practice of criminal justice
4. demonstrate the ability to access, conduct interpret, and apply criminal justice research

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College Requirements:

English and Math proficient as determined by the CUNY Proficiency Index, unless otherwise exempt, or successful completion of any required developmental course(s).

Civic Engagement Experiences:

One (1) Civic Engagement experience satisfied by Civic Engagement Certified or Civic Engagement Component course or approved outside activity.

Writing Intensive Requirement:

One (1) Writing Intensive Course in any discipline is required.

Required Core (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

When Required Core Courses are specified for a category they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major

*Note: You may elect to take a math or science course that is 4 credits or more. TAP counts 3 credits towards the requirements and the 4th credit as an elective.

- ENG 1200 - Composition I 3 Credit(s)
- ENG 2400 - Composition II 3 Credit(s)
- **Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning Course 3 Credit(s) ***
- **Life & Physical Sciences Course 3 Credit(s) ***

Flexible Core (6 Courses, 18 Credits):

When Flexible Core Courses are specified for a category they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major

One course from each Group A to E. **and** one (1) additional course from any Group.
No more than two courses can be selected from the same discipline

A. World Cultures and Global Issues Designated Course

B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity Designated Course

- POL 5100 - Introduction to U.S. Government 3 Credit(s)

C. Creative Expression Designated Course

D. Individual and Society Designated Course

- SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)

E. Scientific World Designated Course*

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Major Requirements (9 Courses, 27 Credits):

- CRJ 6300 - Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credit(s)
- POL 5100 - Introduction to U.S. Government 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 6400 - Crime and Punishment 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 6600 - Constitutional Law 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 6700 - The United States Judiciary 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 6900 - Policing 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 7000 - Corrections and Sentencing 3 Credit(s)
- CRJ 7200 - Minorities and the Criminal Justice System 3 Credit(s)
- SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)

Electives:

3 to 9 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits. **The following courses are HIGHLY Recommended if additional Elective credits are available:**

- SOC 6500 - Introduction to Law and Society 3 Credit(s) **and/or**
- CRJ 7500 - Fieldwork in Public Service 3 Credit(s)

Total Credits: 60