

# Criminal Justice (A.A.S.)

Curriculum Code: 0640

Semester Hours Required for Graduation: 62–65

## PROGRAM GOALS:

This curriculum prepares students for positions with federal, state, county, and local law enforcement organizations including positions with private and public security agencies. The courses offered fulfill the educational needs of students to aid them in becoming efficient and knowledgeable criminal justice and security personnel.

## PROGRAM OUTCOMES:

- Describe the individual functions and integrations of the components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.
- Use legal research skills to locate, analyze, and discuss the content of statutory and case law.
- Examine criminal justice and/or social science data and explain their significance.
- Explain the underlying causes of anti-social and criminal behavior.
- Apply Constitutional principles to the practice of criminal justice.
- Articulate, either orally or in writing, concepts or theories applicable to the criminal justice system.

## ACADEMIC PREPARATION:

It is highly recommended that the following criteria be met to begin this program, and it is **REQUIRED** by the completion of 24 credits:

12th-grade reading level is required (readiness to begin EN 101 – Composition). (A score of 80 or higher on the placement exam is required.)

Competency in mathematics fundamentals is required. Elementary Algebra is recommended.

## LIBERAL ARTS REQUIREMENTS

21–23 Semester Hours

|        |                            |     |
|--------|----------------------------|-----|
| EN 101 | Composition                | 3   |
| EN 102 | Composition and Literature | 3   |
| HU ELE | Humanities Elective        | 3   |
| MA ELE | Mathematics Elective       | 3–4 |
| SC ELE | Lab Science Elective       | 3–4 |
| PS ELE | Political Science Elective | 3   |
| PY 101 | General Psychology         | 3   |

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

39 Semester Hours

|        |                                  |   |
|--------|----------------------------------|---|
| CJ 102 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ 114 | Corrections                      | 3 |
| CJ 115 | American Policing                | 3 |
| CJ 204 | Criminal Investigation           | 3 |
| CJ 211 | Substantive Criminal Law         | 3 |
| CJ 212 | Procedural Criminal Law          | 3 |
| CJ ELE | Criminal Justice Elective        | 3 |
| CS ELE | Computer Science Elective        | 3 |
| GN ELE | General Electives                | 6 |
| SO 101 | Introduction to Sociology        | 3 |
| SO 207 | Criminology                      | 3 |
| SO 209 | Juvenile Delinquency             | 3 |

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1-3 Semester Hours

|        |                                       |     |
|--------|---------------------------------------|-----|
| PE 118 | Physical Fitness for Law Enforcement  | 1   |
| PE ELE | Physical Education Elective <i>or</i> |     |
| HE ELE | Health Elective                       | 1–3 |

**Grand Total** **62–65**

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## SUGGESTED PROGRAM SEQUENCE

### 1st Semester

|        |                                  |       |
|--------|----------------------------------|-------|
| CJ 102 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3     |
| EN 101 | Composition                      | 3     |
| MA ELE | Mathematics Elective             | 3-4   |
| SO 101 | Introduction to Sociology        | 3     |
| HU ELE | Humanities Elective              | 3     |
| Total  |                                  | 15-16 |

### 2nd Semester

|        |                                      |       |
|--------|--------------------------------------|-------|
| CJ 114 | Corrections                          | 3     |
| CJ 115 | American Policing                    | 3     |
| CS ELE | Computer Science Elective            | 3     |
|        | <i>or</i>                            |       |
| CI ELE | Computer Information Elective        |       |
| PE 118 | Physical Fitness for Law Enforcement | 1     |
| SC ELE | Lab Science Elective                 | 3-4   |
| PY 101 | General Psychology                   | 3     |
| Total  |                                      | 16-17 |

### 3rd Semester

|        |                            |    |
|--------|----------------------------|----|
| CJ ELE | Criminal Justice Elective  | 3  |
| SO 207 | Criminology                | 3  |
| CJ 211 | Substantive Criminal Law   | 3  |
| EN 102 | Composition and Literature | 3  |
| GN ELE | General Elective           | 3  |
| Total  |                            | 15 |

### 4th Semester

|        |                             |       |
|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| CJ 204 | Criminal Investigation      | 3     |
| CJ 212 | Procedural Criminal Law     | 3     |
| GN ELE | General Elective            | 3     |
| PE ELE | Physical Education Elective |       |
|        | <i>or</i>                   |       |
| HE ELE | Health Elective*            | 1-3   |
| PS ELE | Political Science Elective  | 3     |
| SO 209 | Juvenile Delinquency        | 3     |
| Total  |                             | 16-18 |

*\*Either one 3-semester-hour health course or one 3-semester-hour physical education course or two courses of any combination of HE or PE will satisfy the PE requirement.*

**Career Opportunities:** New York State Trooper, county sheriff, city police officer, village and town police officer, correctional officer, pretrial services coordinator.