

Criminal Justice

Law Enforcement option*

Program 21850
CIP 430107

Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice

The Law Enforcement option of the Criminal Justice program caters to the professional and educational needs of students interested in careers in law enforcement and of current law enforcement personnel who desire to increase their proficiency or to improve their professional career opportunities.

Successful graduates of the program will be able to:

- discuss the history and philosophy of the components of the criminal justice system;
- describe the formal and informal political and community structures that affect criminal justice agencies;
- describe the fundamental concepts and principles of management and administration employed in various police agencies;
- discuss the roles of various criminal justice professionals.

Although some of the coursework is presented during the day, the complete option requires some evening attendance. The option may be pursued either full-time or part-time. During the sophomore year, cooperative education is available for students interested in the realistic application of law enforcement and criminal justice theory to the criminal justice system.

Admission to Law Enforcement requires a high school diploma or equivalent and English competency as demonstrated by placement testing. Graduates of the Basic Course for Police Officers may receive 12 credits of advanced standing in the Law Enforcement option.

Applicants should be aware that institutions, agencies, and offices of the criminal justice system establish mental, physical, and character requirements. Persons interested in this option are advised to gain an awareness of the specific requirements for their desired work setting.

Graduates of this option have secured positions with city, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies as well as private security organizations. Graduates have also gone on to pursue careers in law, criminology, and social welfare.

Students have transferred to various baccalaureate institutions such as The College of New Jersey, Temple University, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Rutgers University. Transfer agreements with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Fairleigh Dickinson University, New Jersey City University, and Richard Stockton College of New Jersey help graduates transfer to those institutions with little or no loss of credit and with full junior status. Students interested in transferring should contact a Criminal Justice program advisor early in their coursework.

Curriculum

| Code | Course (lecture/lab hours) | Credits |
|---------|---|---------|
| CRJ 101 | Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (3/0) | 3 |
| ENG 101 | English Composition I (3/0) | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology (3/0) | 3 |
| SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology (3/0) | 3 |
| | OR | |
| SOC 102 | Social Problems (3/0) | 3 |
| HIS 101 | History of Western Civilization to 1648 (3/0) | 3 |
| | OR | |
| HIS 102 | History of Western Civilization Since 1648 (3/0) | 3 |
| CRJ 105 | Criminology (3/0) | 3 |
| CRJ 202 | Criminal Law (3/0) | 3 |
| ENG 102 | English Composition II (3/0) | 3 |
| HIS — | Historical Perspective general ed. elective | 3 |
| MAT — | Mathematics elective ¹ | 3-4 |
| CRJ 206 | Police Administration (3/0) | 3 |
| CMN 111 | Speech: Human Communication (3/0) | 3 |
| | OR | |
| CMN 112 | Public Speaking (3/0) | 3 |
| HPE 110 | Concepts of Health and Fitness (1/2)† | 2 |
| POL — | Political Science elective | 3 |
| — — | Science elective ² | 3 |
| — — | Elective | 3 |
| CRJ 102 | Police in the Community (3/0) | 3 |
| IST 101 | Computer Concepts with Applications (2/2) | 3 |
| CRJ — | Criminal Justice elective ³ | 3 |
| — — | Elective | 3 |
| — — | Elective | 3 |
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¹ Select one from MAT 108, 120, 140, or higher-level mathematics course.

² Select one from BIO 101, 113; CHE 101, 106; PHY 101, 111, 112.

³ Select one from CRJ 103, 104, 207, 211, 212.

†HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

*See also the Corrections option, page 63.

