

CRIMINAL JUSTICE: B.S.

The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in Criminal Justice is a 120-credit program designed to prepare students interested in or currently working in public service, law enforcement, corrections, emergency services and community leadership positions.

The contemporary criminal justice environment is continuously evolving in response to critical social needs and new approaches to policing, addressing criminal behavior, and community/government relations. This program provides a rigorous examination of the social, economic and cultural contexts of criminal justice today from all perspectives. Students will become more effective in their roles within criminal justice and related fields.

The B.S. in Criminal Justice includes a set of required courses that all students must take, along with SUNY General Education and other academic requirements (<http://catalog.sunyempire.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/>), in order to be eligible to receive a degree. Courses are offered online, through independent studies, or through a blended approach. The required courses for programs in Criminal Justice can be found on the "Program Details" tab.

Students interested in leveraging their law enforcement academy training towards the B.S. in Criminal Justice program should consult with their mentor to explore credit recognition options through individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) (<https://www.sunyempire.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/individualized-prior-learning-assessment/>) or Professional Learning Evaluation (PLE) (<http://catalog.sunyempire.edu/undergraduate/pla/ple/>). This is particularly relevant for graduates from certain New York city and state law enforcement academies, including but not limited to the New York City Police Department (NYPD) and Suffolk County Police Department. Moreover, training completed with agencies following the Municipal Police Training Council's curriculum may also be eligible for consideration.

Our evaluation process is designed to map specific academy training components against our program's course requirements, potentially allowing for course substitutions and credit allocation. Below are examples of course substitutions previously approved for academy-trained professionals:

Criminal Justice Course Substitutions

Course Substitutions for Criminal Justice Program - MPTC (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---MPTC.pdf>) (PDF 99kB) (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---MPTC.pdf>)

Course Substitutions for Criminal Justice Program-NYPD (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---NYPD.pdf>) (PDF 91kB) (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---NYPD.pdf>)

Course Substitutions for Criminal Justice Program-SCPD (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---SCPD.pdf>) (PDF 78kB) (<https://sunyempire.edu/media/academic-affairs/division-social-behavioral-science/Course-Substitutions-for-Criminal-Justice-Program---SCPD.pdf>)

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For more information about general undergraduate degree requirements, please visit Earning an Undergraduate Degree (<http://catalog.sunyempire.edu/undergraduate/earning-undergraduate-degree/>).

Program Details

Students pursuing a bachelor's degree in criminal justice must complete the following courses:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| CRJS 1005 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 4 |
| CRJS 3009 | Criminal Law & Procedure | 4 |
| CRJS 3065 | Race Crime & Justice | 4 |
| or CRJS 4025 | Police Community Relations | |
| CRJS 4005 | American Corrections | 4 |
| PAFF 4132 | Legal & Ethical Foundations of Public Service | 4 |
| SOCI 1005 | Exploring Society: An Introduction to Sociology | 4 |
| SOSC 3025 | Social Science Research Methods | 4 |
| or SOSC 2010 | Statistics for the Social Sciences | |
| or CRJS 3030 | Criminal Investigation | |
| or SOSC 3020 | Qualitative Social Science Research: Design & Methods | |
| CRJS 3005 | Alternatives to Incarceration | 4 |
| CRJS 2005 | Introduction to Criminology: Theorizing Crime | 4 |
| CRJS 3015 | Courts & the Administration of Justice | 4 |
| Total Credits | | 40 |

Advanced- level electives

Students will be asked to complete two additional advanced-level courses chosen from the list below in consultation with a faculty mentor. The list below includes some of the available choices:

| Code | Title | Credits |
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| CRJS 3020 | Law Enforcement Intelligence Analysis | 4 |
| CRJS 3045 | Forensic Science | 4 |
| CRJS 3050 | Juvenile Justice & Delinquency | 4 |
| CRJS 4010 | Comparative Criminal Justice Systems | 4 |
| CRJS 4030 | Women Crime & Criminology | 4 |
| INFT 3020 | Cyber Crime & Computer Forensics | 4 |
| SOCI 3040 | Deviance & Social Control | 4 |
| SOCI 4030 | Power & Privilege | 4 |
| CRJS 3036 | Principles of Fraud Examination & Financial Forensics | 4 |
| CRJS 3055 | Organized Crime | 4 |
| CRJS 4015 | Criminal Justice Management & Policy | 4 |
| ECON 3035 | Economics of Crime | 4 |
| INFT 3010 | Advanced Digital Crime & Digital Terrorism | 4 |
| LEST 3015 | Mental Health & The Law | 4 |
| PAFF 3005 | Terrorism & Homeland Security | 4 |
| PAFF 4005 | Counterterrorism in a Changing World | 4 |
| PSYC 4080 | Forensic Psychology | 4 |
| SOCI 3065 | Perspectives on Terrorism | 4 |

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| SOCI 3145 | Violence: Systems & Solutions | 4 |
| SOSC 3010 | Family Violence: Legal & Social Perspectives | 4 |

*Note that some prior learning may substitute for some required courses. Faculty review and approval is required before a substitution can be made.

Learning Outcomes

- Students will be able to describe the function and structure of the criminal justice system in the United States of America.
- Students will be able to articulate and discuss the basic ethical dilemmas and issues in criminal justice.
- Students will be able to discuss the relationship between the legal system, criminal justice system, and political system.
- Students will be able to conduct research or investigation in criminal justice.
- Students will be able to explain the role of diverse experiences, perspectives, and identities in the American criminal justice system.
- Students will be able to compare alternative approaches to addressing criminal activity.