

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 degree offers two concentrations allowing students to focus on Law Enforcement Studies for a more traditional law enforcement path and Law, Justice and Society, which allows students to focus on advocacy, policy, and community-based work in justice impacted communities as well as legal careers, meeting the needs of the rapidly evolving field of criminal justice.

The curriculum presented here applies to students who started the major in Fall 2026 or Spring 2027. 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. - Law Enforcement Studies Concentration](#)

[Degree Map for Criminal Justice, A.A. - Law, Justice and Society Concentration](#)

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. critically analyze the social response to crime and the practice of criminal justice.

3. demonstrate the ability to access, conduct interpret, and apply criminal justice research
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Law Enforcement Studies Concentration Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Law Enforcement Concentration requirements, graduates will:

1. describe and critically examine the major criminological theories on crime causation and prevention, and apply them to criminal justice practice.
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Law, Justice and Society Concentration Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Law, Justice and Society Concentration requirements, graduates will:

1. describe and critically examine the major criminological theories on crime causations and prevention, and apply them to policy and community responses.
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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) ***
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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 (5 Courses, 15 Credits):

- CRJ 6300 - Introduction to Criminal Justice 3 Credit(s)
 - POL 5100 - Introduction to U.S. Government 3 Credit(s)
 - SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)
 - CRJ 6600 - Constitutional Law 3 Credit(s)
 - CRJ 7200 - Minorities and the Criminal Justice System 3 Credit(s)
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Concentrations (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

Select **one (1)** of the following concentrations:

Law Enforcement Studies (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

- CRJ 6400 - Crime and Punishment 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)
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Law, Justice and Society (4 Courses, 12 Credits):

- SOC 6500 - Introduction to Law and Society 3 Credit(s)
- SOC 4200 - Introduction to Criminology 3 Credit(s)

AND

Select two (2) from the following courses:

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- CRJ 6700 - The United States Judiciary 3 Credit(s)
 - SOC 3300 - Social Problems 3 Credit(s)
 - CRJ 7500 - Fieldwork for Public Service 3 Credit(s)
 - CRJ 6400 - Crime and Punishment 3 Credit(s)
 - PHI 6600 – Criminal Justice Ethics 3 Credit(s)
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Electives:

3 to 12 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits. It is highly recommended that students choose from the following.

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

It is highly recommended that students in the Law, Justice and Society Concentration choose electives from those remaining in the list of options above.

Total Credits: 60

Degree InformationCatalog Year: **2026 - 2027**Plan: **Criminal Justice AA**Sub Plan: **Law Enforcement Studies**Required Credits: **60****General Requirements**Req GPA: **2.0**Req Residential Credits: **30**Req Pathways Credits: **30**Req Civic Engagement: **1**Req Writing Intensive: **1****1**

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POL 5100	3	CRJ 6400	3	CRJ 7000	3	Choose 1: Flexible Core GROUP A - E	3
CRJ 6300*	3	CRJ 6600	3	CRJ 6700	3	ELECTIVE** (Recommended: CRJ 7500: Fieldwork in Public Service)	3
SOC 3100	3	Choose 1: Flexible Core World Cultures & Global Issues	3	CRJ 7200	3	ELECTIVE**	3
MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING	3	LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	3	Choose1: Flexible Core Creative Expression	3	ELECTIVE	3

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CAREER AND TRANSFER MILESTONES**1****2****3****4**

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<u>Claim your Handshake Account (Kingsborough)</u>		<u>Create your LinkedIn profile</u>		<u>Explore internship opportunities through CUNY Career Launch and Spring Forward (Human Service Pathways)</u>		Strengthen professionalism and career readiness skills through hands-on internship experience.	
<u>Join Student Club or groups relevant to career choice/pathway to build your network and skills</u>		Draft a Basic Cover Letter with assistance from the Career Center.		Attend the Criminal Justice Career Fair to meet with city, state, federal, and nonprofit agencies offering career exploration and recruitment.		Practice mock interviews and start applying for jobs.	
<u>Research and explore desired career pathway via career coach. Including researching Baccalaureate Programs and Complete a Transfer Plan (CUNY Justice Academy).</u>		<u>Attend a Professional/Networking Event Outside of KCC</u>		<u>U.S/ Bureau of Labor Occupational Handbook: Review additional Career Choices</u>		<u>Attend a Professional/Networking Event Outside of KCC</u>	
Draft a Basic Resume with assistance from the Career Center.		<u>Career Planning - Research and Join Professional Organization [Student Membership]</u>		Meet with Criminal Justice Career Coach to refine your career goals and strategies.		Attend the Criminal Justice Resource Fair & Symposium to hear from experienced professionals.	
<u>Holland Code Career Quiz: Identify your interests and suitable career paths.</u>		<u>Review and engage with the proactive steps for early planning, includes: introduction to references and mentors, networking and follow-up, certifications, and interview preparation.</u>		Planning for References (Job & Transfer) - Secure a CRJ Faculty Mentor(s) who are aware of your interests, abilities, skills and work habits.		Take advantage of events offered by campus Career and Professional Development offices to perfect your job search and sharpen your interview and employability skills. Update your LinkedIn profile and resume with new certifications, experiences, and skills.	
<u>U.S/ Bureau of Labor Occupational Handbook: Research potential careers based on your quiz results.</u>		Attend the Criminal Justice Resource Fair & Symposium to hear from experienced professionals.		Find a Mentor to Check in with Periodically: Establish a relationship with someone who can provide guidance and advice related to your career goals.			
Participate in an information session to learn the Civil Service Application Process.		Participate in on-campus workshops for civil service and resume writing.		<u>Review and engage with the in-demand skills for the field includes: public speaking & advocacy, portfolio development, critical thinking & policy analysis, data literacy, and cultural competency.</u>		Accept your offer to Enroll in a Baccalaureate program. Complete transition activities for enrollment in John Jay College of Criminal Justice.	
Learn about upcoming KBCC job fairs, explore KBCC Career Services, and consult the KBCC Criminal Justice Program Career Coach for career and job search support.		Participate in a Criminal Justice Experiential Learning Field Trip.		Begin to apply for civil service jobs. New York State Civil Service Jobs, New York City Civil Service Jobs, and USA Federal Jobs			
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