

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Associate in Arts Degree | Joint Degree Program | Department of Social Sciences

Program Description

This program is for students who have an interest in the field of criminal justice. It is a joint degree program with John Jay College of Criminal Justice, in which students receive an Associate in Arts degree at Bronx Community College and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay College. BCC graduates of the associate program are automatically accepted into John Jay's program provided that they meet the academic and grade requirements (2.0 or better GPA) to continue with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice at John Jay College. Criminal Justice is a growing field of study that provides intellectual stimulation and practical experience for students with an interest in police science, law, security management and other fields that incorporate supporting the infrastructure of the law, as well as working with people.

Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the Criminal Justice program requirements, students will be able to:

1. Describe from a historical and systemic perspective criminal justice institutions (cops, courts, corrections) and how they relate to each other.
2. Identify and explain the mechanism, dynamics, and situational context of crime and criminal behavior, and methods of prevention and treatment.
3. Apply theories related to the policy and practice of the criminal justice system.
4. Demonstrate the ability to assess, conduct, interpret, and apply criminal justice research.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE CURRICULUM (PATHWAYS)

60 Credits required for AA Degree

Curriculum Coordinator: Prof. Marjaline Vizcarrondo

Required Core

- A. English Composition (6 Credits)
- B. Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning¹ (3 Credits)
- C. Life and Physical Science² (3-4 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 12-13

Flexible Core

- A. World Cultures and Global Issues (6 Credits)
- B. U.S. Experience in its Diversity (3 Credits)
- C. Creative Expression (3 Credits)
- D. Individual and Society (3 Credits)
- E. Scientific World (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 18

Major Requirements

Students will complete a minimum of 12 credits of these requirements within the Flexible Core. Transfer students who have completed Common Core requirements at a previous institution will not be required to complete credits in excess of the 60-credit requirement.

- ART 11 Introduction to Art History *OR*
ART 12 Introduction to Art History: Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Middle East *OR*
MUS 11 Introduction to Music *OR*
MUS 12 Introduction to Music: A Multi-Cultural Survey of World Music (0-3 Credits)
- COMM 11 Fundamentals of Interpersonal Communication *OR*
COMM 20 Public Speaking and Critical Listening (0-3 Credits)
- ENG³ English Elective (0-3 Credits)
- HISTORY⁴ Select ONE from History, Geography, *OR* Philosophy (0-3 Credits)
- HIS 20 American Nation (0-3 Credits)
- POL 11 American National Government (0-3 Credits)
- SOC 11 Sociology (0-3 Credits)
- SOC 31 Race and Ethnic Relations *OR*
SOC 37 Social Inequality (0-3 Credits)
- PSY 11 Introduction to Psychology (0-3 Credits)

Additional Major Requirements

- SCIENCE LAB¹ Science Laboratory (0-1 Credits)
- PEA Physical Education *OR*
CPR 10 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (1 Credit)
- Free Electives (1-4 Credits)

Criminal Justice Requirements

- CRJ 11 Introduction to Criminal Justice (0-3 Credits)
- CRJ 21 Introduction to Criminology (3 Credits)
- CRJ 22 Introduction to Policing (3 Credits)
- CRJ 23 Introduction to Corrections *OR*
LAW 65 Criminal Law and Procedures (3 Credits)

SUBTOTAL 29-30

¹ Students who take or transfer with MTH 30 or MTH 31 will have fulfilled Required Core B and will reduce free elective credits by one.

² This requirement is satisfied if a student takes a 4-credit STEM variant course in Required Area C or Flexible Core E.

³ Choose any ENG course from ENG 120-199.

⁴ Choose from GEO, PHL or any HIS course other than HIS 20.

