

# Criminal Justice

## Degree Type

Associate in Science

The Criminal Justice Associate in Science degree is designed to prepare students for careers in law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, or the courts. It also serves as the academic foundation to transfer on to complete a baccalaureate degree. The program provides educational progress for promotion and other career development purposes for those already in the criminal justice field.

ALSO OFFERED 100% ONLINE. Students will have the option of enrolling in the criminal justice program in the traditional format as a face-to-face hybrid offering, or as a 100% online program. After completion, students are prepared to work in local or state law enforcement as an officer, in corrections as an officer, or within the state and federal court systems. To accommodate the specific needs of the online student, an additional advising component has been added to the program. Guest speakers from law enforcement, corrections, juvenile justice, and courts will be integrated into course delivery and as part of the online curriculum. As in other formats, students will be placed in a criminal justice internship. Additional training may be required to receive a law enforcement certification.

## Program Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the program of study, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate knowledge of current issues, concepts, philosophies, and theories in the field of criminal justice.
- Explain and discuss various theories of crime causation and societal response, and the techniques of prevention and treatment of crime.
- Describe the role of the courts in the administration of justice.
- Apply constitutional principles that protect the rights of citizens and regulate criminal justice agencies.
- Identify and discuss procedures necessary to establish a lawful arrest and search, proper judicial procedures, and the admissibility of evidence.
- Explain principles of effective law enforcement and security administration.
- Describe the structure and procedures of juvenile court; the function and jurisdiction of juvenile agencies; and the processing and disposition of juvenile cases.
- Articulate the role of corrections in the criminal justice system.
- Think logically and critically to formulate, present, and defend logical arguments.
- Comprehend information presented in written or spoken form and communicate clearly and effectively in both written and oral form.
- Apply the knowledge of ethical principles with the high standards expected of criminal justice practitioners.

## Health, Safety, and Internship Considerations

Applicants should be aware of the basic health and fitness requirements for many careers in the criminal justice field. Prospective students with special needs or limitations that may affect their internship placement and/or potential employability are encouraged to discuss their career goals during the interview with a department member before admission. The College must ensure that individuals (customers, employees, etc.) at internship and service-learning sites are not adversely affected by students during learning experiences. Therefore, students participating in internship and field experiences must demonstrate the emotional stability required to exercise sound judgment, accept direction and guidance from a supervisor or faculty member, and establish rapport and maintain sensitive interpersonal relationships with employees, customers, and clients.

Most internship placement sites require students to have health insurance and students participating in an internship are required to follow the College Immunization Policy. Please see the Academic Policies section of this catalog, under XVI. Immunization Policy.

### Technical Standards

Applicants should be aware that thorough background checks are completed by potential employers before obtaining any position with arrest or detention powers, and typically, even before being accepted for an internship. Applicants with a criminal history may not be employable, or even eligible for participation in the Criminal Justice Internship Program. Due to the possible negative impact on future employability, applicants are strongly advised to discuss any concerns with the department chair before applying to the program. Overall opportunities within the criminal justice field will be favorable for individuals who meet psychological, physical, and personal qualifications.

### Transfer Credit Policy

In addition to Great Bay transfer credit policies, transfer of courses in criminal justice more than ten years old will be evaluated by the department chair individually.

## First Year

### Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
CRMJ101G	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	0	3
CRMJ121G	Criminal Procedure	3	0	3
	ENGL110G/111G	4	0	4-5
	CIS110G or CIS107G	2	2	3-4
PHIL240G	Ethics	3	0	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>16-18</b>

### Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
CRMJ123G	Criminal Law	4	0	4
CRMJ210G	Juvenile Justice	3	0	3
PSYC110G	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3
POLS220G	Public Administration	3	0	3
SOCI110G	Sociology	3	0	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>16</b>

## Second Year

### Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
CRMJ150G	Criminology	4	0	4
CRMJ205G	Police Operations	3	0	3
CRMJ215G	Corrections Operations	3	0	3
	MATH145G/147G	4	0	4-5
PSYC205G	Crisis Intervention	3	0	3
	Open Elective*	3	0	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>20-21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20-21</b>

### Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
BIOL106G	The Human Body	3	2	4
CRMJ225G	Drug Abuse and the Law	3	0	3
CRMJ230G	Justice and the Community	3	0	3
	ENGL210G or English Elective	3	0	3
	CRMJ270G or CRMJ275G	0	0	3
	<b>Sub-Total Credits</b>	<b>12-15</b>	<b>2-11</b>	<b>16</b>

## Curriculum Recommendations

It is highly recommended that all students enroll in a minimum of one criminal justice course during the first semester of attendance.

<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>68-71</b>
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