

Criminal Justice A.A.S. Advisement Tip Sheet 2010-2011

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PURPOSE OF PROGRAM

This is a career-oriented program. It is appropriate for those who will be seeking employment upon completion of the A.A.S. degree. However, **the A.A.S. degree does transfer to many four-year colleges.** If a student is unsure about career or transfer, he or she should initially select the A.A.S. degree. Also, students needing to take ENGL099, RDNG099, MATH090, MATH095 and/or RDNG116 should initially select the A.A.S. degree.

PRIORITY COURSES

Priority courses for first semester if student is part-time or only able to take 12-13 credits:

ENGL100 or 101

CRJU105

SOCI101*

PSYC103

*If choosing between PSYC103 and SOCI101, the student should take SOCI101 in the first semester.

COURSE SEQUENCING DETAILS

CRJU105 is not a prerequisite for CRJU104 or 110.

ENGL100 is co-requisite for CRJU104, 105 and 110.

CRJU105 is prerequisite for CRJU205, 210, 215 and 230.

SOCI101 is prerequisite for SOCI206 and SOCI207.

GUIDELINES FOR CHOOSING COURSES

The following **required courses** are only available during these semesters:

Fall

CRJU205 Concepts of Criminal Law
SOCI207 Introduction to Criminology

Spring

CRJU215 Legal Aspects of Evidence

The following **electives** are only available during these semesters:

Fall

CRJU104 Introduction to Corrections

Spring

CRJU110 Police Patrol Operations
CRJU212 Community Corrections
POSC213 Constitutional Law
SOCI206 Juvenile Delinquency

Choosing electives:

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- If you are pursuing a *law enforcement* career, it is recommended you take CRJU110 and SOCI206 as your criminal justice electives.
- If you are pursuing a career in *corrections*, it is recommended you take CRJU104 and CRJU212 as your criminal justice electives.
- If you are pursuing a career in *probation or parole*, it is recommended you take SOCI206 and CRJU104 or CRJU212 as your criminal justice electives. This may be accomplished by taking one or more as criminal justice electives and another as an unrestricted elective.
- Career oriented students may take CRJU230 as a criminal justice elective or unrestricted elective but must receive permission of the Program Advisor in order to enroll in the course.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Criminal Justice graduates have been employed at federal, state, and local levels of government. At the federal level, graduates have secured employment with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, Naval Criminal Investigative Services, and the United States Army Criminal Investigation Division. At the state level, graduates have secured employment with Department of Correctional Services, Office of Children and Family Services, and the State Police. At the local level, graduates have secured employment with the police departments, sheriff's departments, and juvenile justice agencies.

The New York State Police require 60 credits of any college courses prior to entrance in their academy; however, CRJU courses and the A.A.S. or A.S. program are highly recommended.

TRANSFER INFORMATION

Students who intend to transfer to an out-of-state or private four-year college are better served by enrolling in the TC3 Criminal Justice A.S. program. See Scott Ochs or Kathleen McDonough for additional details. If students are in the A.A.S. program, transfer is still possible but students must carefully select elective courses in consultation with the CRJU Program Advisor. CRJU electives that most often transfer are CRJU104 and SOCI206. Usually, transfer students should not take CRJU230.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Are any CRJU courses available online?

A. The following courses are available in online (ANGEL) format:

- CRJU105 Introduction to Criminal Justice (required A.A.S./A.S.) –
Fall, Spring and (occasional) Summer semesters
- CRJU215 Legal Aspects of Evidence (required A.A.S., elective A.S.) –
Spring semester only
- SOCI206 Juvenile Delinquency (elective A.A.S., required A.S.) –
Spring and Summer semesters
- SOCI207 Introduction to Criminology (elective A.A.S., required A.S.) –
Fall only