Criminal Justice

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The Criminal Justice Program, housed in the Department of Social Science, is a Dual/Joint degree program with John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Students can earn either an Associate in Science (AS) degree from LaGuardia Community College or a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree from John Jay College. This joint program is designed so LaGuardia students earn 45 credits toward the John Jay core requirements and 15 required credits toward the Criminal Justice major. LaGuardia AS graduates with a minimum GPA of 2.0 will transfer seamlessly to the third year of study in the BA program in Criminal Justice at John Jay. Through its Educational Partnership with LaGuardia, John Jay College contributes to student advisement, facilitates professor teaching exchanges, and allows students in good academic standing to take courses required for the major at John Jay.

An AS or BA degree in criminal justice opens the door to a wide variety of career opportunities, including law enforcement, corrections, probation, parole, social work, forensics, firefighting, juvenile justice and court administration, just to name a few. Employment prospects for criminal justice positions in New York City are growing at a faster than average rate. Moreover, 60 college credits satisfy the educational requirements for vast majority of entry-level criminal justice positions in New York City, including police officer (60 credits), correction officer (39 credits) and firefighter (15 credits). Students seeking greater educational opportunities and exposure to a wider range of career choices including forensic science, forensic psychology, criminal justice administration and international criminal justice are encouraged to earn their four-year degree.

Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice program will be able to complete internships at a range of government agencies and nonprofit organizations available through LaGuardia’s Cooperative Education Department. These work experiences enable the student to bridge the gap between classroom theory and practical applications in the field of criminal justice and provide valuable experience for choosing a career and subsequent full-time employment.

Students who need additional skill development in reading, writing, mathematics, and communication will be required to take basic skills and/or ESL courses. These courses are not listed in the curriculum. Scores on the college placement test determine the particular courses students must successfully complete. For more information on basic skills requirements, see page 175.

Descriptions of courses in this major can be found on page 167.
## Criminal Justice Curriculum: AS Degree

### Counseling
- New Student Seminar: 0 credits

### English: 9 credits
- Composition I ENG101: 3 credits
- Writing Through Literature ENG102: 3 credits
- Literature Elective: 3 credits

### Humanities: 6 credits
- Public Speaking HUC1061*: 3 credits
  
  *Select one liberal arts course in Art, Music or Drama: 3 credits

### Math, Engineering & Computer Science: 3 or 4 credits
- Select one of the following courses:
  - College Algebra and Trigonometry MAT115: 3 credits
  - Pre-calculus MAT200: 4 credits
  - Calculus I MAT201: 4 credits

### Natural Sciences: 4 credits
- Select one of the following courses:
  - Principles of Biology SCB115: 4 credits
  - Foundations of Chemistry SCC210: 4 credits

### Social Science: 12 credits
- Introduction to Sociology SSS100: 3 credits
- Power and Politics SSP101: 3 credits
  
  *Select one of the following courses:
  - Themes in American History to 1865 SSH101: 3 credits
  - Themes in American History since 1865 SSH102: 3 credits
  - Western Civilization from Ancient Times to Renaissance SSH103: 3 credits
  - Western Civilization from the Renaissance to Modern Times SSH104: 3 credits

### Criminal Justice: 15 credits
- Introduction to Criminal Justice SSJ101: 3 credits
- Criminology SSJ102: 3 credits
- Corrections and Sentencing SSJ202: 3 credits
- Policing SSJ203: 3 credits
- Crime and Justice in Urban Society SSN204: 3 credits

### Cooperative Education: 6 credits
- Fundamentals of Professional Advancement CEP121: 3 credits
- Full-time Internship CEP201: 3 credits

### Liberal Arts Electives: 4-5 credits
- Any course in Communication Skills; Education and Language Acquisition; English; Human Services; Humanities; Library; Mathematics, Engineering, and Computer Science; Natural Sciences; or Social Science EXCEPTION when noted as unrestricted elective in DegreeWorks or College Catalog. See page 176 for these courses. 4-5 credits

### TOTAL CREDITS: 60

* HUC106 Public Speaking no longer requires HUC101 Oral Communication as a pre-requisite.

** This class meets LaGuardia’s Urban Study requirement