



# CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AS



**NASHUA**  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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## Program Overview

The Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare students for careers in Law Enforcement, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, the Court system, and Homeland Security. It also serves as the academic foundation to transfer to complete a baccalaureate degree. For those already in service, the program provides professional development for promotion or career enhancement. The Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice will be awarded upon completion of all requirements. Graduates qualify for employment in city, county, and state criminal justice agencies, and in the rapidly growing private industrial security field.

## Program Outcomes

Upon the completion, graduates will be able to:

1. Employ effective written and oral communication skills.
2. Describe the American criminal justice system, including its history, functions, processes, and goals.
3. Understand the application of technology within the Criminal Justice System.
4. Understand causes and effects of crime within our society.
5. Understand the fundamental principles and techniques of criminal investigation.
6. Describe the organization, management, and administration of criminal justice agencies at local, state and federal levels
7. Explain juvenile justice system and the magnitude of juvenile delinquency in the United States.
8. Analyze different components of the correctional system.
9. Distinguish between the roles of police officers, judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, juries, and legislators in the application of criminal law.
10. Apply theories and principles of the Criminal Justice system to practical application in the system.
11. Display strong ethical qualities that reflect those in the field

In addition, the graduate will be able to demonstrate competency in general education outcomes.

## Technical Standards

Technical standards provide guidance relative to skills and essential functions to successfully complete the Criminal Justice program. The standards reflect requirements crucial for success in the profession and are intended to serve as a guide for the legal, physical, emotional, psychosocial, and intellectual expectations within the profession. The standards further ensure students will exhibit the emotional stability required to exercise sound judgement, accept guidance and direction from superiors and/or faculty staff and maintain professional interpersonal relationships with fellow students and personnel in the field. Meeting these standards does not guarantee success in this program or guarantee employment, but are nonetheless required.

- Students must exercise and maintain the high ethical, legal, and moral standards of the criminal justice field or face being removed from the program.
- The safety of all our students is paramount. Students must maintain proper boundaries at the college and adhere to the Code of Ethics of the college. Failure to do so could result in being removed from the program.
- Students are responsible for a criminal records check, which is required for potential internships. Potential employers complete comprehensive background checks for many criminal justice careers. Applicants with a criminal record or history may not be employable or able to get an internship placement, and are encouraged to discuss career goals with a program advisor before admission.
- Basic health and fitness requirements are essential for many criminal justice professions. Applicants with special needs and/or limitations that may affect their internship placement and/or employability are encouraged to discuss career goals with a program advisor before admission.
- Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work with others and the ability to interact appropriately with individuals from a variety of social, emotional, cultural, and educational backgrounds are essential qualities within the criminal justice field. Skills must be demonstrated in the classroom setting and workplace. Ability to endure negative verbal and

hostile views in potentially antagonistic situations while also maintaining composure during stressful and/or emergency situations. Ability to work independently and on a team.

- Must have effective communication skills and ability to interact with populations of all ages and ethnicities. Strong conflict resolution skills and ability to face emergency and volatile situations in a calm, non-defensive, rational and respectful manner are required. Must be able to solicit information from individuals such as the questioning of victims or the interrogation of suspects and to convey information clearly and accurately.
- Understand and follow written and/or verbal direction.
- Must have ample writing skills and the ability to formulate written reports and draft official documents.
- Demonstrate and maintain organizational and time management skills, including consistent attendance and participation in classes, field trips and internships.

## Estimated Cost of Program (Tuition Only)

**In-State** \$13,800

**New England Regional** \$20,700

**Out-Of-State** \$30,300

## First Year - Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
ENGL101N	College Composition	4	0	4.00
CRMJ101N	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	0	3.00
CRMJ102N	Criminology	3	0	3.00
MATH106N	Statistics I: An Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	4	0	4.00
SOCI101N	Introduction to Sociology	3	0	3.00

## First Year - Spring Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
ENGL109N	Public Speaking	3	0	3.00
	Natural or Physical Science Elective (w lab)			4
CRMJ121N	Criminal Investigation	3	0	3.00
CRMJ122N	Law Enforcement Organizations	3	0	3.00
PSYC101N	Introduction to Psychology	3	0	3.00

## Second Year - Fall Semester

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
POLS210N	State and Local Government	3	0	3.00
CRMJ220N	Juvenile Justice	3	0	3.00
CRMJ240N	Criminal Law and Prosecution	3	0	3.00
HUMA230N	Ethics in the Workplace	3	0	3.00
COMM102N	Principles of Communication	3	0	3.00

## Second Year - Spring Semester

CRMJ280N Criminal Justice Internship OR CRMJ285N Criminal Justice Senior Project

Item #	Title	Class Hours	Lab Hours	Credits
	Behavioral Social Science or Non-Behavioral Social Science Elective			3
CRMJ260N	Criminal Procedure	3	0	3.00
CRMJ265N	Corrections	3	0	3.00
	CRMJ280N or CRMJ285N			3
	Total Credits			60