



BS DEGREE – CODE #0287

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The Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in criminal justice provides graduates with a solid foundation in the field of criminal justice, both its essential components and emerging areas, with a focus on leadership and applied learning. With strong preparation in conceptual knowledge, students gain practical experience in criminal justice, including the opportunity to complete either an internship or a lab-based criminal investigation course in their final semester. In order to prepare graduates for a wide variety of careers, the program emphasizes several areas within criminal justice:

- Ethical law enforcement practices
- Decision-making
- Community relations
- Working with diverse populations
- Public safety
- Criminal justice leadership and administration

ADVANTAGES

BS program students can attend the Police Academy and receive up to 12 credits toward their degree.

Police Academy: <http://www.alfredstate.edu/police-academy>

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The US Bureau of Labor Statistics and the New York State Department of Labor predict that job opportunities will exist over the next decade in law enforcement at the local, county, state, and federal levels, and in correctional institutions, parole and probation departments, private security companies, and police science organizations, among others. Though the numbers point to no more than a stable projected job market over the next few years, the sheer volume of criminal justice positions should ensure ample opportunities for graduates possessing expertise in the field.

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Employment and continuing education rate of 100 percent – 70 percent are employed; 30 percent have continued their education.

RELATED PROGRAMS

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

Required: Algebra

Recommended: Geometry, Biology

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TYPICAL EIGHT-SEMESTER PROGRAM

First			
COMP	1503	Writing Studies	3
MATH	1123	Statistics I	3
		OR	
MATH	1113	Statistical Concepts	3
		OR	
MATH	2124	Statistical Methods & Analysis	4
PSYC	1013	General Psychology	3
SOCI	1163	General Sociology	3
CJUS	1003	Intro to Criminal Justice (Minimum of "C" required)	3
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Second			
PSYC	2093	Abnormal Psychology	3
PLSC	1043	American Government	3
CJUS	2003	Introduction to Law	3
XXXX	xxx3	Gen Ed - Humanities Elective	3
GLST	2113	Global & Diverse Perspectives	3
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Third			
SOCI	1183	Contemporary Social Problems	3
BUAD	3153	Fundamentals of Management	3
SOCI	1243	Criminology	3
XXXX	xxx3	Gen Ed Elective - Natural Science	3
SPCH	1083	Public Speaking	3
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Fourth			
CJUS	4103	Policing in a Free Society	3
SOCI	1223	Power, Privilege, & Difference	3
XXXX	xxx3	Open Elective	3
XXXX	xxx3	Open Elective	3
CJUS	4003	Corrections Process in the U.S	3
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Fifth			
COMP	5703	Technical Writing II	3
SOCI	5023	Research Methods	3
CJUS	5003	Constitutional Issues in Crim	3
CJUS	5103	Courts in Contemporary Society	3
XXXX	xxx3	LAS Elective - Upper	3
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Sixth			
CJUS	6003	Law & Criminal Evidence	3
CJUS	6203	Ethics in Criminal Justice Adm	3
		OR	
PHIL	6003	Professional Ethics	3
PSYC	6103	Family & Intimate Rel Violence	3
SOCI	6003	Juvenile Justice Admin	3
XXXX	xxx3	LAS Elective - Upper	3
XXXX	xxx3	Professional Elective	3
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Seventh			
PSYC	7003	Working w/Diverse Populations	3
CJUS	7004	Criminal Investigation & Mgmt	4
XXXX	xxx3	Professional Elective	3

XXXX	xxx3	Professional Elective	3
XXXX	xxx3	LAS Elective - Upper	3
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Eighth Option #1			
CJUS	8012	Criminal Justice Internship	12

Option #2			
CJUS	8103	Criminal Justice Internship	3
SOCI	8003	Terrorism	3
CJUS	8003	Criminal Investigation Capston	3
XXXX	xxx3	Open Elective	3
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Option #3			
CJUS	8203	Pvt Security Admin in America	3
SOCI	8003	Terrorism	3
CJUS	8003	Criminal Investigation Capston	3
XXXX	xxx3	Open Elective	3
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INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Students who elect to go the internship route will be responsible for locating and securing the internship. The internships (3-hour and 12-hour) require a minimum of either 120 or 480 hours of work experience in an approved public safety agency, commonly defined as police, courts, corrections, fire service, or in a commercial/industrial security agency. The agency or industry selected must be approved by the internship coordinator and the department chair and be specifically related to the curriculum of the student. Students must be in good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher) and be able to pass any required background check.

Be advised that a prior felony conviction may impede a student's ability to participate in an internship and complete the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Good academic standing (cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher)
- Successful completion of all courses in the prescribed eight-semester plan
- Submission of the college's degree application form

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to properly participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at oas@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.