

*Brooklyn's Only Community College*

DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HUMAN SERVICES  
Dr. Stuart Parker, Chairperson

## MEMO

**To:** Curriculum Committee

**From:** Stuart Parker

Vanda Seward – Program Director

**Re:** Proposed Changes to the Criminal Justice Degree Requirements

The proposed changes are the result of discussions regarding how to change a relatively low retention and graduation rate in the program. The graph and table in Appendix A describe, the trend in Fall-to-Fall retention of all first-time freshmen enrolled as CRJ major from 2013 – 2020. Faculty attribute these declines across almost all groups to several factors which have been echoed in several past program reviews.

- The lack of CRJ 63, the introductory course being a requirement for all other CRJ courses (it is for some courses, but instructors report having students in their class who have not taken 63).
- The lack of alignment of learning outcomes in the course sequence that build an increasingly sophisticated base of knowledge and skill over the course of the degree.
- A lack of career awareness on the part of students regarding the breadth of the career opportunities within the field of Criminal Justice.

the start of a comprehensive review and revision of the program that will include the development of common course outcomes and assessments across all sections of each course along with the alignment of course outcomes across courses. Our goal is to provide a more coherent and sequential program of learning for our students. We also plan on increasing our course offerings over time to provide students with a broader range of options to explore as they pursue a career within the large and growing field of criminal justice.

The proposed changes include:

- A. Making CRJ 6300 a prerequisite for taking all other courses in the major. This will ensure that students have a basic understanding of the concepts, issues and questions in the field of Criminal Justice that they can then build upon in their later course work.
- B. A technical change of the name of CRJ 6700 from The American Legal System to The United States Judiciary, to better align with the John Jay curriculum.
- C. A new fieldwork in public service course that reflects both the need for many students to have field experience earlier in their program and as a development of already completed curricular changes that has added an experiential learning component to CRJ 64.
- D. A new course Sociology course: SOC 6500 - Introduction to Law and Society that students will be able to take as an elective. That broadens the options for students interested in careers outside of law enforcement and corrections.

Combined, these changes will increase the coherence and alignment of the program, introduce

more opportunities to explore career options outside the traditional CRJ model and provide a platform for further work on the part of the faculty in creating common course learning outcomes and assessments.

**Changes:**

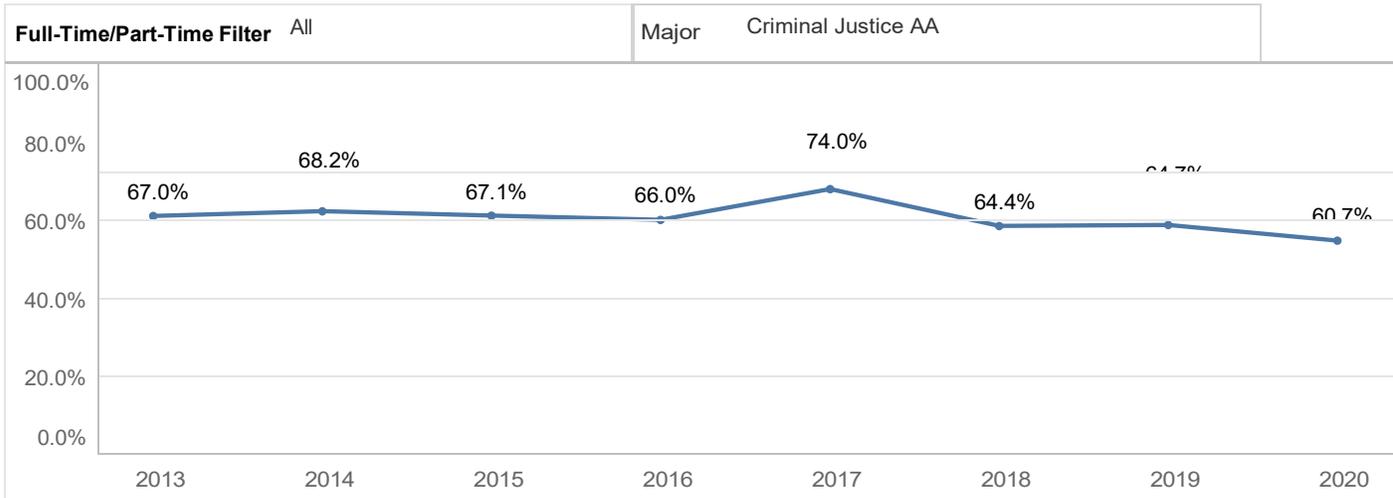
- Make CRJ 6300 a prerequisite for all subsequent CRJ courses.
- Create SOC 6500 – Introduction to Law and Society as an elective course
- Create CRJ 7500 – Fieldwork in Public Service as an elective
- Change the name of CRJ 6700 from *The American Legal System* to *The United States Judiciary*

Add/Delete/Change	A.A. Criminal Justice Program	
	HEGIS: 5505.00	
	PROGRAM CODE: 32563	
	<b><u>CUNY CORE</u></b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
	<b><u>REQUIRED CORE:</u></b> (4 Courses, 12 Credits)	12
	When Required Core courses are specified for a category, they are strongly suggested and/or required for the major	
	ENG 1200 Composition I	3
	ENG 2400 Composition II	3
	± Mathematical & Quantitative Reasoning	3
	± Life and Physical Sciences	3
	<b><u>FLEXIBLE CORE:</u></b> (6 Courses, 18 Credits)	18
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	A. World Cultures and Global Issues	
	B. U.S. Experience In Its Diversity Designated Course	
	· POL 5100 - American Government and Politics 3 Credit(s)	3
	C. Creative Expression	
	D. Individual & Society Designated Course	
	· SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology 3 Credit(s)	3
	± E. Scientific World	
	± Plus another course selected from any Group A – E	

	<b>Major Requirements (9 Courses, 27 Credits):</b>	
<b>MOVE</b>	CRJ 6300 - Introduction to Criminal Justice )	3
	POL 5100 - American Government and Politics	3
<b>MOVE</b>	<del>CRJ 6300 - Introduction to Criminal Justice</del>	
	CRJ 6400 - Crime and Punishment	3
	CRJ 6600 - Constitutional Law	3
<b>DELETE</b>	<del>CRJ 6700 - The American Legal System: The Courts</del>	
<b>ADD Name Change</b>	CRJ 6700 - The United States Judiciary	3
	CRJ 7200 - Minorities and the Criminal Justice System	3
	CRJ 6900 - Policing	3
	CRJ 7000 - Corrections and Sentencing	3
	SOC 3100 - Introduction to Sociology	3
	<b><u>ELECTIVES:</u></b> 3-9 credits sufficient to meet required total of 60 credits.	9
	It is highly recommended that students choose from SOC 6500 - Introduction to Law and Society and/or CRJ 7500 Fieldwork in Public Service	
	<b><u>TOTAL CREDITS:</u> 60</b>	60
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# Appendix A



Fall Term Enrolled as First-Time Freshmen

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Ethnicity	American Indian or Native Alaskan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Asian or Pacific Islander	62.1% (18/29)	66.7% (14/21)	71.4% (15/21)	72.7% (16/22)	66.7% (16/24)	75.0% (15/20)	59.3% (16/27)	73.1% (19/26)
	Black, Non-Hispanic	63.5% (66/104)	64.6% (51/79)	66.7% (56/84)	64.0% (55/86)	76.3% (45/59)	59.8% (52/87)	61.3% (49/80)	57.1% (36/63)
	Hispanic, Other	65.8% (50/76)	70.3% (45/64)	67.6% (46/68)	62.3% (33/53)	71.2% (47/66)	62.5% (45/72)	65.6% (40/61)	54.8% (23/42)
	White, Non-Hispanic	75.4% (52/69)	70.1% (47/67)	64.8% (35/54)	70.5% (31/44)	78.6% (33/42)	71.2% (42/59)	73.1% (38/52)	63.6% (28/44)
	Grand Total	67.0% (187/279)	68.2% (159/233)	67.1% (153/228)	66.0% (136/206)	74.0% (142/192)	64.4% (154/239)	64.7% (143/221)	60.7% (108/178)

		2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Gender	Men	65.3% (111/170)	73.8% (96/130)	65.9% (83/126)	62.7% (69/110)	69.9% (72/103)	64.7% (86/133)	57.6% (72/125)	57.0% (53/93)
	Women	69.7% (76/109)	61.2% (63/103)	68.6% (70/102)	69.8% (67/96)	78.7% (70/89)	64.2% (68/106)	74.0% (71/96)	64.7% (55/85)
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# Degree Map: A.A. Criminal Justice

## Degree Information

Catalog Year: **2022 - 2023**

Plan: **Criminal Justice AA**

Sub Plan: **None**

Required Credits: **60**

## General Requirements

Req GPA: **2.0**

Req Residential Credits: **30**

Req Liberal Arts Credits: **30**

Req Civic Engagement: **1**

Req Writing Intensive: **1**

# 1

Session A

COURSE	CRS
ENG 1200	3
POL 5100	3
CRJ 6300	3
SOC 3100	3
MATH & QUANTITATIVE REASONING	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS

**SEMESTER CRS: 15**

# 2

Session A

COURSE	CRS
ENG 2400	3
CRJ 6400	3
CRJ 6600	3
Choose 1: Flexible Core World Cultures & Global Issues	3
LIFE & PHYSICAL SCIENCES	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS

**SEMESTER CRS: 15**

# 3

Session A

COURSE	CRS
CRJ 6900	3
CRJ 7000	3
CRJ 6700	3
CRJ 7200	3
Choose1: Flexible Core Creative Expression	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS

**SEMESTER CRS: 15**

# 4

Session A

COURSE	CRS
Choose 1: Flexible Core Scientific World	3
Choose 1: Flexible Core GROUP A - E	3
ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3
ELECTIVE	3

Session B

COURSE	CRS

**SEMESTER CRS: 15**

**NOTE: The term-by-term course sequence takes into account necessary Prerequisites, Corequisites, and Pre-/Co-requisites**

**NOTE: Select ONE (1) WRITING INTENSIVE course & ONE (1) CIVIC ENGAGEMENT course. Some courses meet BOTH requirements, see CUNYfirst to determine course status**

**Important Notes:**

The Criminal Justice, AA degree is a jointly registered dual enrollment degree program with John Jay College of Criminal Justice and part of the CUNY Justice Academy.