# HOUSATONIC COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Associate in Science

# General Studies: Criminal Justice Concentration (EB30cj) 2015-2016 Catalog

This concentration is designed to enable students with a demonstrated interest in the field of Criminal Justice to obtain a focused General Studies Degree in this discipline. Specifically, this degree concentration is geared toward students who solely wish to obtain the sixty college credits required to sit for most police department examinations. All other students with a demonstrated interest in this field are strongly encouraged to enroll in the Criminal Justice Parent Degree Program. Please consult a Criminal Justice Program faculty member for additional information.

Outcomes:

- Develop knowledge of law enforcement, court and correctional system, including knowledge of how these systems interact.
- Develop knowledge of law as it impacts the criminal justice system.
- Develop knowledge of psychological/sociological impacts on the criminal justice system.
- Develop knowledge of historical/political impacts on the criminal justice system.
- Develop an understanding of ethical issues and dilemmas that occur in criminal justice professions.

**Suggested Sequence of Courses:**
Prerequisite or parallel courses may be required. Please check individual course descriptions for details.

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| ENG* E101 [1] | Composition | 3 |
| Mathematics | Elective | 3-4 |
| Science | Elective | 3-4 |
| POL* E111 | Introduction to American Government | 3 |
| SOC* E101 | Principles of Sociology | 3 |
| Humanities | Elective | 3 |
| ENG* E102 | Literature & Composition | 3 |
| Fine Arts | Elective | 3 |
| CJS* E101 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| PSY* E111 | General Psychology I | 3 |
| Humanities | Elective | 3 |
| Open (2 courses) | Electives | 6 |
| HIS* E201 | U.S. History I | 3 |
| *or* | | |
| *HIS* E202* | *U.S. History II* | |
| CJS* E201 | Criminology | 3 |
| CJS* E211 | Criminal Law I | 3 |
| CJS* E213 | Evidence and Criminal Procedure | 3 |
| CJS* E220 | Criminal Investigation | 3 |
| CJS* E225 | Forensic Science | 3 |
| CJS* E259 | Writing and Research for Law Enforcement | 3 |

## Total Credits:                                                     60-62

[1] MAT* E075, MAT* E095 not acceptable.

**Note:** For degree completion the student must complete the Computer Literacy Requirement.

**Note:** A minimum of 15 credits must be taken in 200-level courses.

**Note:** It is recommended that students take one year of a foreign language.