



Pathways Transfer Program Articulation Agreement in Criminal Justice (A.S. to B.S.) (with guaranteed admission, online)

Empire State University (SUNY Empire) and Jefferson Community College (JCC), both of the State University of New York, agree to develop a Pathways Transfer Agreement in Criminal Justice. The agreement is designed to support transfer students during their transition to SUNY Empire, and:

- Ease the transition process for JCC graduates to an educational model comprised primarily of online courses;
- Ensure a smooth transfer for JCC graduates to SUNY Empire;
- Provide an affordable and convenient baccalaureate degree option for JCC graduates who want to remain close to their home community;
- Provide clear guidelines for JCC graduates to follow during the transition.

SUNY Empire will offer graduates with an A.S. degree in Criminal Justice from JCC an opportunity to participate in the Pathways Transfer Program into the B.S. in Criminal Justice program at SUNY Empire. JCC graduates will be able to transfer all 63 credits earned as part of their associate degree in Criminal Justice to SUNY Empire upon enrollment.

How the Pathways Transfer Program Works:

Students at SUNY Empire can earn their degree without having to leave their home community. The flexibility of the educational model allows them to customize their courses to fit around their family, work and community commitments. SUNY Empire, the recognized leader in online education within SUNY, offers courses designed to be online, by online faculty, as opposed to modifying in-person classes to be delivered online. When it comes to online education, students will benefit from the many years of recognized online excellence and expertise provided by SUNY Empire.

SUNY Empire accepts up to 79 lower-division credits in transfer, including A.A., A.S. and A.A.S. degrees in full. With advisement, students in the Pathways in Criminal Justice Transfer Program may elect to register for additional credits beyond the associate degree at JCC. These lower-division credits will be applicable to the baccalaureate degree program by satisfying SUNY General Education requirements, pre-requisite courses, or other program requirements.

SUNY Empire requires 120 credits for a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, of which JCC graduates must complete a minimum of 31 credits (in residency) at SUNY Empire. A minimum of 45 upper-division credits, 24 of which must be in the concentration, are required to be consistent with SUNY Empire's requirements for a bachelor's degree. The remaining 79 lower-division credits can be transferred in through transcribed credit or prior learning assessment. Each participating student will be able to transfer all credits earned as part of their A.S. degree to SUNY Empire, as long as they fit into the student's designed bachelor's degree program (see appendix A for additional details).

Additional sources of advanced standing credits may include:

- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA)
- Transcript credit from a regionally accredited college or university
- Standardized exams, such as CLEP or other exams
- Military credit evaluated by the American Council on Education (ACE)
- Licenses or training evaluated by SUNY Empire

Benefits for JCC Transfer Students:

SUNY Empire will provide the following benefits for participating JCC transfer students:

- Guaranteed admission to the Criminal Justice B.S. degree program
- Provision of a one-time \$100 *Better Together* transfer scholarship
- Waiver of the \$50 orientation fee

To be eligible, JCC transfer students must have completed an associate degree, or be in (or entering) their final semester of completing an associate degree. Once SUNY Empire receives the student's official transcript that indicates an earned associate degree, the transfer scholarship will be awarded.

A unique application code for interested students to use during the admissions application process will be created by SUNY Empire and provided to appropriate staff members in the transfer advisement office at JCC for distribution.

Opportunity Programs at SUNY Empire

Opportunity programs at SUNY Empire provide access, academic support, and/or financial assistance to underserved students who show promise for college success. SUNY Empire serves students at all stages of life and learning, full or part-time.

SUNY Empire offers eight opportunity programs, including:

- SUNY Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) – a program for full-time, first-time freshmen and full-time opportunity program transfer students.
- Empire State Opportunity Program (ESOP) – a program for full-time and part-time transfer students.
- Empire Promise Program (EPP) – a program for first-time freshmen, continuing students,

and transfer students.

- Military Veteran Opportunity Program (MVOP) – a program with the same services as EPP, along with military specific mentoring, advising and monthly programming.

For more information, visit www.SUNYEmpire.edu/admissions/eop/, or contact the SUNY Empire Office of Opportunity Programs at (800) 847-3000 ext. 2204 or by email at OPapply@SUNYEmpire.edu.

Benefits for Active Military, Veterans, and Spouses

SUNY Empire has a long-standing commitment of supporting active military, veterans and family members, and enthusiastically pledges to maintain its commitment to provide the following benefits and services to military-aligned students, and as they may be amended from time to time by SUNY Empire:

- Pre-enrollment advising and an Evaluated Education Plan (EEP) with a review of anticipated transfer credits prior to enrollment
- Waive all mandatory fees for military members (active-duty, guard, reserve and veterans) along with their spouses. Waived fees include: orientation fee, college fee, student activity fee, technology fee, health and wellness fee, portfolio (assessment) fee, and program amendment fee.
- Individualized Prior Learning Assessment (iPLA) fees are waived for military members
- Support military-aligned students through Veterans Affairs (VA) and Tuition Assistance (TA) funding processes
- Access to the Veteran and Military Resource Center (VMRC) and its dedicated resources to support student success all the way through to degree completion.

Guidelines of the Agreement:

As part of the agreement, SUNY Empire will provide the following: (1) individual educational planning and mentoring for all transferring Criminal Justice students, (2) outreach to faculty and transfer office staff at JCC to provide program information, and (3) offer information sessions for students at JCC, at SUNY Empire locations, and online.

Jefferson Community College agrees to provide: (1) access for cross-registered Pathways transfer students to campus facilities and resources (i.e. Library, academic support, computer labs), (2) promotion of the program on campus to current students, faculty advisors, and alumni, and (3) to include this transfer agreement in any college publications where such agreements are listed (i.e. college catalog, website, transfer office brochures).

Criminal Justice (A.S. to B.S.) students may enroll at SUNY Empire on a full or part-time basis.

Online Student Support:

After acceptance to SUNY Empire, students attend an orientation session at which they begin to learn about the next steps, including the extensive support services available to them. A partial list of available services includes: online course training, technical support, academic and peer tutoring, access to an extensive online library and librarian assistance, writing and mathematics resources, 24/7 telephone counseling, career services, and free workshops on developing various academic skill sets.

For Further Information:

Students who wish to apply or have application or registration questions should contact:

Jane Cudmore
Enrollment and Partnership Outreach Office
North Country region
Jane.Cudmore@sunyempire.edu

This agreement becomes effective when all signatures are affixed, as of the date of the last signature, and remains in effect for 5 years or until one or both institutions deem it necessary to terminate the agreement. The agreement may be amended by mutual agreement and will be formalized via revision of this agreement.

[Signature page follows]

Signatures to the Agreement:

EMPIRE STATE UNIVERSITY, SUNY

Dr. Lisa Vollendorf
President

Date

Dr. Rai Kathuria
Provost and Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs

Date

Dr. Gina Torino
Dean, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Date

JEFFERSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SUNY



Dr. Daniel Dupee II
President

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Date



Jerilyn Fairman
Provost and Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs

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Dr. Megan Stadler
Associate Vice President of Liberal Arts

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Appendix A: SUNY Empire Policies and Procedures for Transfer

1. Students successfully completing degree requirements for an A.A., A.S., or A.A.S. and transferring in the entire associate degree will be able to transfer to SUNY Empire all credit earned for the associate degree, including "D" grades that are part of the completed degree.
2. The residency requirement for a 124 credit bachelor's degree is 31 credits. In many cases, students may transfer in the remaining 93 credits (up to 79 lower-division credits) through transcribed credit and/or prior learning assessment.¹ A student may exceed stated credit minimums in certain circumstances to preserve the integrity of components that meet degree requirements.
3. Any courses taken at JCC beyond the associate degree will be evaluated for transfer separately from the associate degree based on SUNY Empire's advanced standing policies.
4. There is no statute of limitations regarding the age of acceptable learning substantiated by transcript except in some areas, technologies and science for instance, where that learning may be outmoded and may not be accepted if it is crucial to the structure of a degree program concentration.
5. Students earning a bachelor's degree from SUNY Empire must fulfill all graduation requirements, which include completing 45 advanced-level credits of which 24 are in the concentration. SUNY also requires the completion of 30 general education credits across 7 of 10 knowledge and skill categories, including mathematics, communication, natural sciences, and diversity.
6. Both institutions acknowledge the confidential nature of student information that may be exchanged between them. As such, both agree that this information must be kept secure, confidential, and only disclosed for academic reasons. Student information will not be shared with third parties, and all FERPA regulations will be adhered to.

¹ Prior learning assessment includes NYSED-approved degree granting institutions, pre-evaluated credit (NCCRS, ACE, SUNY Empire PLE) and other approved sources. For full list, visit: <http://www.sunyempire.edu/degree-planning-academic-review/prior-learning-assessment/evaluation-prior-college-level-learning/>.