Western Michigan University Criminal Justice Curriculum Guide

Criminal Justice curriculum requirements:

- The main goal of the program is to provide the knowledge and skills necessary for students interested in careers in criminal justice. However, students will also be well prepared to pursue professional or graduate work in law, criminology, and other areas such as the Police Academy;
- The following courses are required and must be taken before any of the core requirements:

  **WMU courses** | **HFC courses**
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  SOC 2000 or 2100 | SOC 131 or 151
  SOC 2600 | CRJ 131
  ENGL 1050 | ENG 131, 131H, 132, 132H, 135 (choose one)

- Students will have to take the 9 credits listed above, and then 33 more credits for the major. Two (2) of those courses will be required research courses. Academic preparation for the 2 courses should include high school algebra, or HFC’s MATH 080;
- The following courses will count toward the 33 major credits and may be taken at HFC:

  SOC 3140 | SOC 251
  SOC 3200 | PSY 254

- Criminal justice majors must complete a minor for graduation. Please check with advisors listed below for further information about choosing a minor, and about having more courses that you can take at your community college. Check on the WMU TCE to make sure that you are taking transferable courses.
General education requirements and other notes:

- Please see the [general education program transfer guide](#);
- The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) has a foreign language requirement that can be met by:
  - Two years of one high school language, with a B- or better in the last (4th) semester, or at any point after that, if more than two years are completed;
  - Or two semesters of one college level language;
  - Or through passing a language proficiency test. Please contact the WMU World Languages department for languages other than Spanish, and the Spanish department for that language. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the Michigan Transfer Agreement satisfy the world language requirement;
- The College of Arts and Sciences requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from Proficiency 4c. See the general education link given above. MACRAO or the MTA will cover this requirement;
- The College of Arts and Sciences recommends that you apply to WMU at least nine months prior to your anticipated start date;
- For specific information about general education questions please contact the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) department, listed below;
- For more specific information, contact the criminal justice advisor below.

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