



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Montcalm Community College

Fall 2018

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

SOC 2000 or 2100

SOC 2600

ENGL 1050

Montcalm courses

SOCI 230 or 235

CRIM 100

ENGL 100 or 101

- Students will have the 9 credits listed above and then 33 more credits to complete the CJ major. Two of the courses will be required research courses. Academic preparation for those 2 courses should include high school algebra or the Montcalm course called MATH 090;
- 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](#);
- All students graduating from the College of Arts & Sciences must meet the world language proficiency by completing two semesters (6-8 hours) of the same foreign language or American Sign Language, or passing WMU's proficiency by exam. Please contact the College of Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Advising Office at (269) 387-4366 with any

questions. Neither the MACRAO Agreement nor the MTA satisfy the world language requirement.

- If the student's first language is not English, then the student is exempt from this requirement. Determination of eligibility for this exemption is based on whether the student was required to take the TOEFL test for admission, and can be verified through the WMU departments of Spanish or World Language and Literatures.
- The College of Arts & Sciences requires a critical thinking course, to be chosen from Proficiency 4c. See the general education guide cited above. MACRAO or the MTA will cover this requirement;
- The College of Arts & 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 & Sciences (A & S) department, listed below;
- For more specific information, contact the criminal justice advisor below.

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