



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

**College of DuPage**

**Fall 2019**

## **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

#### **COD courses**

SOCIO 1100 or 2210

CRIMJ 1100

ENGLI 1101, 1102, 1105 (choose one)

- Students will have to take the 9 credits listed above, and then 33 more credits for the major. Two (2) of the courses will be required research courses. Academic preparation for those 2 courses should include high school algebra or COD's MATH 0481;
- The following course may also be taken toward the 33 credits of the major:

SOC 3200

PSYCH 2240

- Criminal justice majors must complete a minor for graduation. Please check with the 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.

- 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 was required to take the TOEFL test for admission, and can be verified through the WMU department of Spanish or World Languages 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.
- 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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