



WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Lansing Community College

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

Lansing courses

SOC 2000 or 2100

SOCL 120 or 255

SOC 2600

CJUS 101

ENGL 1050

ENGL 121, 122, 124, 127, 131, or 132 (choose 1)

- Students will have to complete the 9 credits listed above and then 33 more for the major. Two (2) of the courses are required research courses. Academic preparation for the 2 courses should include high school algebra or one of the LCC courses called MATH 107 or 114;
- The following courses may be completed at LCC and will count toward the major:

SOC 3200

PSYC 203

SOC 3140

SOCL 260

- 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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