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:

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<td>SOC 2000 or 2100</td>
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<td>CJ 102</td>
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<td>ENGL 1050</td>
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- Students will have to take the 9 credits listed above, and then take 33 more credits for the major. Two (2) of the courses will be required research courses. Academic preparation for those 2 courses should be at the high school algebra level, or the NCMC MATH 112 or 120 level;
- The following courses may be taken at NCMC and will count toward the major course list:

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- 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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