



West Shore Community College

2021/22

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:

<u>WMU courses</u>	<u>WSCC courses</u>
SOC 2000 or 2100	SOC 171 or 275
SOC 2600	CRJ 100
ENGL 1050	ENG 111 or 112

- ❖ 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 two courses should include high school algebra level or the West Shore MTH 120 course.
- ❖ 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 the WMU TES (Transfer Credit Equivalency System) to make sure you are taking transferable courses.

General education requirements and other notes:

- ❖ Please see the [WMU Essential Studies \(WES\) 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 recommends that you apply to WMU at least nine months prior to your anticipated start date.
- ❖ For specific information about WES, please contact the College of Arts & Sciences advising department.
- ❖ For more specific information about criminal justice, please contact the advisor below.

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