



Criminal Justice A.A.

Career Community: Public Service Careers

Curriculum Code: 0146

Effective: Fall 2025 – Summer 2030

Purpose of the Major

This degree is designed for students who intend to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a baccalaureate degree in this subject area. Students completing this curriculum will also satisfy the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) between two-year and four-year institutions in Michigan and qualify for an LCC Transfer Studies Certificate of Achievement (1482).

Milestone

In addition to the required General Education courses in Math and English, completion of CJUS 101 with a 2.0 or higher is a key component for success in completing this program. Knowledge obtained in these courses is the foundation for learning in other required courses. Students are encouraged to contact their faculty if they need additional assistance with learning the concepts presented in these courses.

Additional Information

A student must earn a minimum grade of 2.0 in all courses.

Contact Information

For further information, including career options, course substitutions and waivers, etc., contact the Public Service Careers Program, West Campus Building, Room M127, telephone number 517-483-1570, or Student Services West Campus, West Campus Building, Room M106, telephone number 517-267-5452.

Major Required Courses - Some courses meet General Education requirements for MTA.

Course Code	Course Title	Credit / Billing Hours
ACAD 100	First-Year Experience	1 / 1
CJUS 101	Intro to Criminal Justice	3 / 3
CJUS 102	Crime Causes and Conditions	3 / 3
CJUS 103	Criminal Law	3 / 3
CJUS 106	Intro to Juvenile Justice	3 / 3
CJUS 131	Introduction to Corrections	3 / 3
CJUS 201	Criminal Justice Org/Admin	3 / 3
CJUS 204	Criminal Investigation	4 / 4
CJUS 205	Policing into the 21 st Century	3 / 3
COMM 130	Fundamentals Public Speaking	3 / 3
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131	Composition I Honors Composition I	4 / 4 4 / 4

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/ Billing Hours
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170	Math – Applications for Living College Algebra Introduction to Statistics	4 / 4 4 / 4 4 / 4
SOCL 120	Introduction to Sociology	4 / 4
SOCL 260	Race and Ethnicity	3 / 3

Notes:

ACAD 100 may be waived when students meet one of the following College-approved waiver criteria:

- Completion of 12 college-level credits with minimum grades of 2.0 shown on the LCC transcript (including transfer, if applicable), or
- Employment in the field of, or a field related to, the degree being sought, or
- For Health Careers students, successful completion of CHSE 100.

Students wishing to waive ACAD 100 should contact their advisor.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts – *Select two courses from different disciplines as indicated for each major and/or transfer institution. If specific courses are not indicated in the notes below, choose any recommended course or choose from [General Education Transfer \(MTA\): Humanities and Fine Arts](#)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/ Billing Hours
HIST 212	U.S. History: 1877 to Present	4 / 4
PHIL 152	Introduction to Ethics	4 / 4

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Natural Science – *Select two courses from different disciplines, one must be a lab course, as indicated for each major and/or transfer institution. If specific courses are not indicated in the notes below, choose any recommended course or choose from [General Education Transfer \(MTA\): Natural Science](#).*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/ Billing Hours
ANTH 280	Forensic Anthropology	3 / 3
BIOL 120	Environmental Science	4 / 6
BIOL 121	Biol Foundation for Physiology	4 / 6
BIOL 145	Intro Anatomy and Physiology	4 / 6
PFHW 123	Human Nutrition	3 / 3

Note: BIOL 120 is recommended for one of the courses. Students can take PFHW 123 for one of their Science courses, the other course must be a lab course.

Major Required Courses, Limited Choice – Social Sciences – *Select one course from a discipline other than SOCL, as indicated for each major and/or transfer institution. If a specific course is not indicated in the notes below, choose the recommended course or choose from [General Education Transfer \(MTA\): Social Sciences](#)*

Course Code	Course Title	Credit/ Billing Hours
PYSC 200	Introduction to Psychology	4 / 4

Note: Students considering transfer, choose PSYC 200.

General Education - Transfer Degrees (MTA)

- English Composition
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- English Composition (second course) or Communication
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Humanities and Fine Arts
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Mathematics
Major Required Courses meet this requirement.
- Natural Sciences
Major Required Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.
- Social Sciences
Major Required and Limited Choice Courses meet this requirement.

Elective Courses

Complete courses as needed from the list of [AA and AS Elective Courses](#) to reach the 60-credit minimum for this degree. Courses used to fulfill the requirements above cannot be used as Elective courses. For course selections, speak with an advisor or consult the program website(s) at the institution(s) you are considering for transfer.

Minimum Total Credit Hours

61 credits / 61 billing hours

Recommended Course Sequence

Semester I
ACAD 100
CJUS 101 – Milestone course
CJUS 102
CJUS 103
ENGL 121 or ENGL 131

Semester II
CJUS 106
CJUS 201
COMM 130
MATH 119 or MATH 120 or STAT 170
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts

Semester III
CJUS 204
SOCL 120
Limited Choice – Humanities and Fine Arts
Limited Choice - Natural Science

Semester IV
CJUS 131
CJUS 205
SOCL 260
Limited Choice - Social Science
Limited Choice - Natural Science

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