

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Credentials

Criminal Justice AAS degree.....	62 cr.
Criminal Justice AAS degree with Academy.....	64 cr.

Major Description

If you have strong morals, self-discipline, and a commitment to public safety, one of Schoolcraft’s two criminal justice associate in applied science degrees can help you prepare for quick advancement in the field. The first degree is geared toward working professionals looking to enhance their on-the-job training with specialized criminal justice courses and classwork in communications, computing, health, and human relations. This degree will help you develop the skills needed to investigate human behaviors and take the appropriate measures to ensure the safety of society.

The second degree is aimed at students aspiring to law enforcement careers and who want police academy experience, in addition to the academic credentials. After completing the academy, you will be eligible to take the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Certification Exam, which is a prerequisite for employment in this state.

Students pursuing a career as a law enforcement officer should review “Employment Standards for Michigan Law Enforcement Officers” at www.michigan.gov/mcoles prior to beginning this area of study, to ensure that they meet certain psychological and physical requirements.

- Expand your knowledge of the criminal justice system, including criminal law, police field operations, criminal investigation, and human relations.
- Gain an understanding of the sociological, psychological biological, and environmental factors that inspire deviant or criminal behavior.

Job Titles & Median Salaries or Hourly Rates

- Detective or Criminal Investigator: \$42,870 (national)
- Police or Sheriff’s Patrol Officer: \$55,224 (Michigan)

Criminal Justice AAS Degree

The criminal justice system is a complex system of thousands of federal, state, and local agencies interconnected by the individuals that work in this field. Employment at any level in criminal justice requires an understanding of the sociological, psychological, biological, and environmental factors that may influence deviant or criminal behavior. Employees of the criminal justice system use developed skills to investigate human behaviors and take the appropriate measures to ensure the safety of society. The criminal justice associate in applied science degree program objectives assists existing employees of the criminal justice system and prepares students for full employment in this field.

All courses are not offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them. Students who satisfactorily complete all college and program requirements qualify for an associate in applied science degree.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

First Year—Fall Semester

CJ 113	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3
CJ 102	Organization and Administration of Law Enforcement Agencies	3
POLS 105	Survey of American Government.....	3
COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech.....	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1.....	3

Total Credits 15

First Year—Winter Semester

HUM 106	Introduction to Art and Music	1
COR 110	Introduction to Corrections.....	3
CJ 104	Introduction to Security	3
PSYCH 153	Human Relations.....	3
English	Select 1	3
ENG 116	Technical Writing	
ENG 102	English Composition 2	
CJ 107	Police Field Operations	3

Total Credits 16

Second Year—Fall Semester

CJ 209	Basic Criminalistics.....	3
CJ 211	Criminal Law and Procedure.....	3
BIOL 103	Health Education.....	3
CIS 105*	Computer Orientation.....	1
MATH 101	Business Mathematics.....	3
Elective**	3

Total Credits 16

Second Year—Winter Semester

CJ 201	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 212	Criminology.....	3
CJ 221	Juvenile Justice.....	3
SOC 201	Principles of Sociology.....	3
CIS 115	Introduction to Computer Based Systems.....	3

Total Credits 15

PROGRAM TOTAL 62 CREDITS

* CIS 105 may be waived if student has successfully completed a high school computer course or equivalent within the past five years.

** Any 100- or 200-level course not previously taken.

Students planning to transfer should check the transfer institution’s requirements/guides or discuss their options with a counselor or advisor. Number of credits may vary depending on the course selection.

For more information about certification please contact:
Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES)
106 W. Allegan Street, Suite #600, Lansing, MI 48933
517-322-1417
www.michigan.gov/mcoles

Criminal Justice AAS Degree with Academy

In this program, the criminal justice courses are restricted to students who are officially admitted to this program.

The criminal justice system is a highly specialized field. Law enforcement officers are employed by 40,000 local police agencies nationwide as well as county sheriffs' departments. Law enforcement officers must be prepared to interact with the public in a position of responsibility and authority. Knowledge of the criminal justice system, including criminal law, police field operations, criminal investigation, and human relations enhances the professionalism of the criminal justice system.

Candidates for employment as law enforcement officers must be certified by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). After completing the Police Academy (CJ 287), students may become certifiable by passing the MCOLES Certification Exam. Certification is valid for one year. Pre-service students, who are not employed by a law enforcement agency, must complete 41 credit hours of course work for the associate degree before taking CJ 287.

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Becoming a law enforcement officer requires candidates to meet certain psychological and physical requirements. Please review "Employment Standards for Michigan Law Enforcement Officers" available at www.michigan.gov/mcoles prior to beginning this area of study.

SAMPLE SCHEDULE OF COURSES

First Year—Fall Semester

CJ 102	Organization and Administration of Law Enforcement Agencies	3
POLS 105	Survey of American Government.....	3
COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3
BIOL 103	Health Education.....	3

Total Credits 15

First Year—Winter Semester

COR 110	Introduction to Corrections.....	3
CJ 211	Criminal Law and Procedure.....	3
PSYCH 153	Human Relations.....	3
English	Select 1	3
ENG 116	Technical Writing	
ENG 102	English Composition 2	
CIS 105*	Computer Orientation.....	1

Total Credits 13

Second Year—Fall Semester

MATH 101	Business Mathematics.....	3
CJ 209	Basic Criminalistics.....	3
CJ 212	Criminology.....	3
CJ 221	Juvenile Justice.....	3
SOC 201	Principles of Sociology.....	3

Total Credits 15

Second Year—Winter Semester

CJ 287**	Police Academy.....	21
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Total Credits 21

PROGRAM TOTAL 64 CREDITS

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** *CJ 287 requires a special admissions process. Contact the Public Safety Education office at 734-462-4747 for application requirements.*

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