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CREDENTIAL YEAR 2017-18

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Credentials

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

### Major Description

Schoolcraft offers two criminal justice associate in applied science degrees to help prepare students for a career and quick advancement in this public safety field. The criminal justice AAS degree is geared toward working professionals in the field who are looking to enhance their on-the-job training with specialized criminal justice courses in communication, computing, health and human relations. This degree also helps students develop the skills needed to investigate human behaviors and take the appropriate measures to ensure the safety of the society.

The second criminal justice AAS degree with the academy 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, students will be eligible to take the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) Certification Exam which is a prerequisite for law enforcement employment in Michigan.

Both degrees help students expand their knowledge of the criminal justice system, including criminal law, police field operations and criminal investigation. They will also gain an understanding of the sociological, psychological, biological and environmental factors that cause deviant or criminal behavior.

Students who want to pursue a career as a law enforcement officer should review the "Employment Standards for Michigan Law Enforcement Officers" at [www.michigan.gov/mcoles](http://www.michigan.gov/mcoles) prior to beginning this area of study to ensure they meet certain psychological and physical requirements.

### National Median Salaries for Criminal Justice-related positions

Detective or Criminal Investigator: \$74,300

Police or Sheriff's Patrol Officer: \$56,280

### Criminal Justice AAS Degree

Schoolcraft program code # AAS.00086

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 assist 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

First Year—Fall Semester			First Year—Winter Semester		
CJ 113	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	HUM 106	Introduction to Art and Music	1
CJ 102	Organization and Administration of Law Enforcement Agencies	3	COR 110	Introduction to Corrections	3
POLS 105	Survey of American Government	3	CJ 104	Introduction to Security	3
COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech	3	PSYCH 153	Human Relations	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	English	<i>Select one</i>	3
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>	ENG 116	Technical Writing	
			ENG 102	English Composition 2	
			CJ 107	Police Field Operations	3
				<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>

#### Second Year—Fall Semester

Second Year—Fall Semester			Second Year—Winter Semester		
CJ 209	Basic Criminalistics	3	CJ 201	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 211	Criminal Law and Procedure	3	CJ 212	Criminology	3
BIOL 103	Health Education	3	CJ 221	Juvenile Justice	3
CIS 105*	Computer Orientation	1	SOC 201	Principles of Sociology	3
MATH 101	Business Mathematics	3	CIS 115	Introduction to Computer Based Systems	3
Elective	<i>Any 100- or 200-level course not previously taken</i>	3		<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>16</b>			

### 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.

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](http://www.michigan.gov/mcoles)



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## Criminal Justice AAS Degree with Academy

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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](http://www.michigan.gov/mcoles) prior to beginning this area of study.

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#### 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
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### First Year—Winter Semester

COR 110	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 211	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
PSYCH 153	Human Relations	3
English	<i>Select one</i>	3
ENG 116	Technical Writing	
ENG 102	English Composition 2	
CIS 105*	Computer Orientation	1
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>13</b>

#### 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
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Second Year—Winter Semester

CJ 287**	Police Academy	21
	<b>Total Credits</b>	<b>21</b>

### PROGRAM TOTAL 64 CREDITS

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\*\* CJ 287 requires a special admissions process. Contact the Public Safety Education office at 734-462-4306 for application requirements.

*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.*