

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Credentials

Criminal Justice AAS degree	60-63 cr.
Criminal Justice AAS degree with Academy	63-66 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 prior to beginning this area of study to ensure they meet certain psychological and physical requirements.

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.

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—Winter Semester

CJ 113	Introduction to Criminal Justice System	3	HS 202	Introduction to Emergency Management	3
CJ 102	Organization & Administration of Law Enforcement Agencies	3	COR 110	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 210	Criminal Procedure	3	Social Science	<i>Select one</i>	3-4
COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech	3	PSYCH 153	Human Relations	
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	PSYCH 201	Introductory Psychology	
	Total Credits	15	English	<i>Select one</i>	3
			ENG 116	Technical Writing	
			ENG 102	English Composition 2	
			CJ 107	Police Field Operations	3
				Total Credits	15- 16

Second Year—Fall Semester

Second Year—Winter Semester

CJ 209	Basic Criminalistics	3	CJ 201	Criminal Investigation	3
CJ 211	Criminal Law	3	CJ 212	Criminology	3
Science	<i>General Education Science course</i>	3-4	CJ 221	Juvenile Justice	3
Mathematics	<i>General Education Mathematics course</i>	3-4	SOC 201	Principles of Sociology	3
Elective	<i>Any 100- or 200-level course not previously taken</i>	3	POLS 105	Survey of American Government	3
	Total Credits	15-17		Total Credits	15

PROGRAM TOTAL 60-63 CREDITS

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

Not all courses are offered each semester. Students should work with an academic advisor or counselor to develop a schedule that will work for them.

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



It is the policy of Schoolcraft college that no person shall, on the basis of race, religion, color, gender, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, and/or national origin, be subjected to discrimination during or be excluded from participating in or be denied the benefits of any program or activity or in employment.



Criminal Justice AAS Degree with Academy

Schoolcraft program code # AAS.00086

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.

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COMA 103	Fundamentals of Speech	3	CJ 211	Criminal Law	3
ENG 101	English Composition 1	3	Social Science	<i>Select one</i>	3-4
Science	<i>General Education Science course</i>	3-4	PSYCH 153	Human Relations	
	Total Credits	12-13	PSYCH 201	Introductory Psychology	
			English	<i>Select one</i>	3
			ENG 116	Technical Writing	
			ENG 102	English Composition 2	
			CJ 210	Criminal Procedure	3
				Total Credits	15-16
Second Year—Fall Semester			Second Year—Winter Semester		
Mathematics	<i>General Education Mathematics course</i>	3-4	CJ 287*	Police Academy	21
CJ 209	Basic Criminalistics	3		Total Credits	21
CJ 212	Criminology	3			
CJ 221	Juvenile Justice	3			
SOC 201	Principles of Sociology	3			
	Total Credits	15-16			

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

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