

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Criminal Justice at NMU

The Criminal Justice Department provides students with an understanding of the process by which justice is distributed in our society, the function and operation of the criminal justice system (law enforcement, criminal courts and corrections), and the role of individuals in the allocation of justice. The department offers a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, an associate degree in criminal justice, an associate of applied science degree in corrections and in law enforcement, and a corrections officer certification program. The department also offers a master's degree in criminal justice.

The curriculum prepares students for a range of careers in law enforcement, adult and juvenile corrections with federal, state or local criminal justice agencies, or for graduate study. The faculty is dedicated to providing a challenging learning experience and to graduating outstanding candidates for entry into their professional careers or graduate school. The department is committed to excellence in teaching, research and community service.

Student Organization

- Criminal Justice Association

Department Facilities

- Forensics laboratory
- NMU Regional Police Academy

Department/Program Policies

Course Prerequisite Notes

CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice is a prerequisite to all of the CJ 200-, 300- and 400-level courses. CJ 290 Methods of Inquiry in Criminal Justice and CJ 292 Criminal Justice Leadership Development is a prerequisite to all of the CJ 300- and 400-level courses. Students must complete CJ 110, CJ 290, CJ 292 and attain junior status in order to be eligible to enroll in CJ 300- and 400-level courses.

Note: CJ 292 and CJ 490 cannot be taken during the same semester.

Requirements for Transfer Students

Transfer students who want to major in criminal justice for the bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 20 credits with the NMU Criminal Justice Department. At least 8 of these credits

must be at the 300 level or above. Transfer students who want to enter the associate degree program in criminal justice must complete a minimum of 12 credits with the NMU Criminal Justice Department.

GPA Requirements

All criminal justice courses used for the criminal justice major, the criminal justice minor, or the associate degrees in criminal justice, law enforcement, and corrections must be completed with a grade of "C" or better.

Language Recommendations

Students are encouraged to complete at least one year of study in a foreign language. Language study could be undertaken to satisfy either the formal studies requirement or the requirement for a bachelor of arts degree.

Police Academy

The associate of applied science degree in law enforcement provides students with the opportunity to obtain Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) certified training through its Regional Police Academy. Michigan Public Act 203, 1965, and Michigan Administrative Code R 28.4101 requires that anyone seeking employment in the state as a police officer must first successfully complete the basic (MCOLES) approved police training curriculum. For information about the academy, including admission requirements, contact the Police Academy by calling 906-227-1408 or by visiting the Web site at <http://publicsafety.nmu.edu/Academy.htm>.

Corrections Officer Certification Program

For those interested in employment with the Michigan Department of Corrections as corrections officers, NMU offers certification through a program approved by the Michigan Correctional Officers Training Council. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all courses in order to receive a certificate.

Admission to the certification program on non-degree status requires a high school diploma or equivalent. Students who feel they need remedial work in writing skills should consider enrolling in EN 090. Correspondence courses or transfer credits may not be used for the corrections officer program.

Internships

The Criminal Justice Department offers students in the bachelor's degree program an opportunity to participate in an internship program during their junior or senior year. This experience provides first-hand knowledge about the criminal justice field and an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills in the classroom to a professional setting. Internships enhance a student's career potential after graduation as well as provide important information regarding career selection.

BACHELOR DEGREE PROGRAM

Liberal Studies: Complete information on the liberal studies requirements and additional graduation requirements, including the health promotion requirement, is in the "Liberal Studies Program and Graduation Requirements" section of this bulletin (38-44).

Criminal Justice Major

This major provides a basic understanding of the criminal justice system and its components. Students additionally complete a number of advanced criminal justice electives selected to address their individual interests and professional goals.

Total Credits Required for Degree	124
Liberal Studies	30-40
Health Promotion	2
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Required Courses in Major	44
Criminal Justice Core	32
CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CJ 212 The Law Enforcement Function	4
CJ 213 The Judicial Function	4
CJ 220 The Corrections Function	4
CJ 263 Criminology	4
CJ 280 Criminal Law	4
CJ 290 Methods of Inquiry in Criminal Justice	4
CJ 292 Criminal Justice Leadership Development	2
CJ 490 Professional Development and Assessment	2
Criminal Justice Electives*	12
<i>Choose from the following. At least 8 credits must be at the 300 level or above.</i>	
CJ 214 Investigative Process I (4 cr.)	
CJ 221 Roles of the Corrections Client (4 cr.)	
CJ 227 Correctional Institutions (4 cr.)	
CJ 245 Legal Issues in Corrections (4 cr.)	
CJ 250 Investigative Interviewing and Interrogation (4 cr.)	
CJ 255 Drugs, Crime and the Justice System (4 cr.)	
CJ 275 Legal Aspects of Retail Security (4 cr.)	
CJ 276 Retail Loss Prevention Management (4 cr.)	
CJ 295 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 302 Community Relations and Crime Prevention (4 cr.)	
CJ 303 Victims in Criminal Justice (4 cr.)	
CJ 315 Criminal Procedure (4 cr.)	
CJ 323 Community Based Corrections (4 cr.)	
CJ 412 Crisis Intervention and Stress Analysis (4 cr.)	
CJ 414 Investigative Process II (4 cr.)	
CJ 420 Forensic Psychology (4 cr.)	
CJ 426 International Crime and Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (4 cr.)	
CJ 431 Issues in Criminal Justice Administration (4 cr.)	
CJ 435 Domestic and International Terrorism (4 cr.)	
CJ 440 Discretionary Justice (4 cr.)	
CJ 480 Cybercrime (4 cr.)	
CJ 495 Special Topics** (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 497 Teaching/Research Apprenticeship*** (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 498 Directed Study *** (1-4 cr.)	

Minor

20

*Other approved CJ course work (e.g., transfer credit or newly approved CJ courses) at the 200-400 level, not listed, may be used to satisfy the requirements in the CJ elective area.

**No more than 8 credits of CJ 495 may be counted toward the major.

***No more than 4 credits of CJ 497 and/or CJ 498 may be counted toward the criminal justice major.

CJ 191, CJ 298 and CJ 299 do not apply toward the bachelor degree program.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAMS

Criminal Justice

Associate of Science Degree

This degree is designed for a smooth transition into the bachelor's degree program for students who choose to continue their education after receiving the associate degree.

Total Credits Required for Degree	67
Liberal Studies	32
EN 111 College Composition I	4
EN 211 College Composition II	4
Humanities Electives <i>Must be from more than one discipline.</i>	8
Natural Sciences/Mathematics Electives <i>Must be from more than one discipline and one course must be a laboratory science.</i>	8
Social Sciences Electives <i>Must be from more than one discipline.</i>	8
Health Promotion	1
HP 200 Physical Well Being	1
Criminal Justice Required Courses	6
CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CJ 292 Criminal Justice Leadership Development	2
Criminal Justice Electives*	16
<i>Choose sixteen credits from the following:</i>	
CJ 191 Training Seminar (Specific Topic)** (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 212 The Law Enforcement Function (4 cr.)	
CJ 213 The Judicial Function (4 cr.)	
CJ 214 Investigative Process I (4 cr.)	
CJ 220 The Corrections Function (4 cr.)	
CJ 221 Roles of the Corrections Client (4 cr.)	
CJ 227 Correctional Institutions (4 cr.)	
CJ 245 Legal Issues in Corrections (4 cr.)	
CJ 250 Investigative Interviewing and Interrogation (4 cr.)	
CJ 255 Drugs, Crime and the Justice System (4 cr.)	
CJ 263 Criminology (4 cr.)	
CJ 275 Legal Aspects of Retail Security (4 cr.)	
CJ 276 Retail Loss Prevention Management (4 cr.)	
CJ 280 Criminal Law (4 cr.)	
CJ 290 Methods of Inquiry in Criminal Justice (4 cr.)	
CJ 295 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 298 Directed Study** (1-4 cr.)	
General Electives	12
<i>*Other approved CJ course work (e.g., transfer credit or newly approved CJ courses) at the 200 level, not listed, may be used to satisfy the requirements in the CJ elective area.</i>	
<i>**No more than 4 credits of CJ 191 and/or CJ 298 may be applied toward this degree. CJ 191 and CJ 298 do not apply toward the major in the bachelor's degree.</i>	

Law Enforcement

Associate of Applied Science Degree

This degree provides training that will produce well-rounded and competent law enforcement practitioners. This includes, but is not limited to, competence in oral and written communications, an understanding of psychological and social issues relevant to criminal justice, the role of law enforcement in social control and in the larger criminal justice system and an appreciation for the dilemma inherent in policing a free society.

Total Credits Required for Degree	67
Liberal Studies	24
EN 111 College Composition I	4
EN 211 College Composition II	4
Humanities Elective	4
Natural Sciences/Mathematics Elective	4
Social Science Electives	8
Health Promotion	1
HP 200 Physical Well Being	1
Criminal Justice Required Courses	22
CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CJ 212 Law Enforcement Function	4
CJ 292 Criminal Justice Leadership Development	2
CJ 299 Police Academy**	12
Criminal Justice Electives*	8
<i>Choose from the following:</i>	
CJ 191 Training Seminar (1-4 cr.) (Specific Topic)***	
CJ 213 Judicial Function (4 cr.)	
CJ 214 Investigative Process I (4 cr.)	
CJ 220 Corrections Function (4 cr.)	
CJ 250 Investigative Interviewing and Interrogation (4 cr.)	
CJ 255 Drugs, Crime and the Justice System (4 cr.)	
CJ 263 Criminology (4 cr.)	
CJ 275 Legal Aspects of Retail Security (4 cr.)	
CJ 276 Retail Loss Prevention Management (4 cr.)	
CJ 280 Criminal Law (4 cr.)	
CJ 295 Special Topics in Criminal Justice (1-4 cr.)	
CJ 298 Directed Study*** (1-4 cr.)	
General Electives	12
<i>*Other approved CJ course work (e.g., transfer credit or newly approved CJ courses) at the 200 level, not listed, may be used to satisfy the requirements in the CJ elective area.</i>	
<i>**Or satisfactory completion of a Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) approved police academy, or equivalent.</i>	
<i>***No more than 4 credits of CJ 191 and/or CJ 298 may be applied toward this degree. CJ 191 and CJ 298 do not apply toward the bachelor's degree major. CJ 299 only applies to this degree. It cannot be applied to any other diploma, certificate, associate's or bachelor's degree at NMU.</i>	

Corrections

Associate of Applied Science Degree

This degree is specifically oriented to practitioners in corrections. It is designed for individuals already employed in the corrections field. The program includes competence in oral and written communications, an understanding of psychological and social issues relevant to criminal justice, the role of corrections in social control in the larger criminal justice system and an appreciation for the problems inherent in incarcerating people.

Either Local Jails or State Institutions – Corrections Officer

Concentration: Students must submit original certification of their academy training to the Criminal Justice Department one semester prior to the semester they intend to graduate in order to receive Advanced Placement credit for the Local Jail Corrections Academy (6 credits) or State Corrections Academy (12 credits).

Total Credits Required for Degree	67
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Liberal Studies	24
EN 111 College Composition I	4
EN 211 College Composition II	4
Humanities Elective	4
Natural Sciences/Mathematics Elective	4
Social Science Electives	8
Health Promotion	1
HP 200 Physical Well Being	1
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Core Courses	22-26
CJ 110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CJ 213 Judicial Function	4
<i>CJ 213 is only required for the Local Jail Concentration.</i>	
CJ 220 The Corrections Function*	4
CJ 221 Roles of the Correctional Client*	4
CJ 227 Correctional Institutions*	4
CJ 245 Legal Issues in Corrections*	4
CJ 292 Criminal Justice Leadership Development	2
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Academy Courses**	6-12
CJ 296 Local Jail Corrections Academy (6 cr.) or CJ 297 State Institutions Corrections Academy** (12 cr.)	
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General Electives	8-10
Local Jail Concentration 10 credits	
State Institutions Concentration 8 credits	

*Courses required of the Correctional Officer Certificate Program.

**Only those students who attended the Michigan Academy after October 1, 1987, will receive NMU academic credit toward this degree. Students from out of state or those who attended the academy prior to October 1, 1987, must present evidence of academy curriculum which will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine academic credit for the degree.

MINOR PROGRAM

Criminal Justice Minor

Total Credits Required for Minor	20
CJ110 Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
Criminal Justice Electives*	16

*Criminal justice electives are planned with a criminal justice adviser and an adviser from the student's major department. Students can obtain a copy of the minor form from the Criminal Justice Department secretary or Web site. The student's plan for a minor should be approved no later than the end of the junior year and filed with the Degree Audits Office.

Any course selected for the criminal justice minor at the 300-400 level will require instructor permission.

CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Corrections Certification

Total Credits Required for Certification	16
CJ 220 The Corrections Function	4
CJ 221 Roles of the Correctional Client	4
CJ 227 Correctional Institutions	4
CJ 245 Legal Issues in Corrections	4