



CRIMINAL JUSTICE-STUDIES

Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Program Code: 10-504-5 Total Credits: 60

The Criminal Justice-Studies program offers students multiple career paths in the criminal justice field. Students can choose to enter law enforcement or corrections right after graduation or transfer to a university for a bachelor's degree. The program aims to facilitate employment, keep students updated on industry advancements, and promote further education. Mid-State's experienced instructors prioritize professionalism, integrity, and high ethical standards. The program includes the opportunity to enroll in the separate Wisconsin Department of Justice's 720-hour law enforcement academy or the 200-hour jail academy, allowing students to become certified law enforcement or correctional officers in four semesters. Graduates can also apply their skills in civilian criminal justice roles, such as record maintenance or communications center operations.

Estimated tuition and fees: mstc.edu/programcosts

ACADEMIC ADVISOR

To schedule an appointment with an academic advisor, call 715.422.5300. Academic advisors will travel to other campuses as necessary to accommodate student needs. For more information about advising, visit mstc.edu/advising.

CHECKLIST:

This section will be completed when meeting with your academic advisor.

- FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov)
- Financial Aid Form(s)
Form(s): _____
- Follow-Up Appointment:
Where: _____
When: _____
With: _____
- Official Transcripts
Mid-State Technical College
Student Services Assistant
1001 Centerpoint Drive
Stevens Point, WI 54481
- Criminal Background Statement of Understanding and Release of Information Form
- Other: _____



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Arizona State University, Bellevue University, Colorado State University Global, Concordia University, Franklin University, Grand Canyon University (GCU), Herzing University, Lakeland University, Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE), Mount Mary University (MMU), Northern Michigan University, Southern Illinois University, University of Maryland Global, University of Phoenix, UW-Green Bay, UW-Oshkosh, UW-Parkside, UW-Platteville, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stevens Point at Marshfield, UW-Stout, UW-Whitewater, Viterbo, Western Governors University, and Wisconsin Private-Nonprofit Universities/Colleges.

For more information and additional opportunities, visit mstc.edu/transfer.

OTHER OPTIONS

RELATED PROGRAMS

- Advanced Emergency Medical Technician
- Criminal Justice-Corrections & Community Advocacy
- Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Emergency Services Management
- EMT-Paramedic
- Fire Service Certification
- Paramedic Technician

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

Employers will expect you, as a Criminal Justice-Studies graduate, to be able to:

- Examine the components of and interrelationships in the criminal justice system.
- Analyze situational responses.
- Apply communication skills as a criminal justice professional.
- Conduct investigations.
- Adhere to the professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner.
- Maintain personal wellness.

TECHNICAL SKILLS ATTAINMENT

The Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) has implemented a requirement that all technical colleges measure program outcomes attained by students. This requirement is called Technical Skills Attainment (TSA). The main objective of TSA is to ensure graduates have the technical skills needed by employers. Students will be assessed on TSA outcomes during their Criminal Investigation and Wellness in Public Safety courses.

Upon earning 40 college credits,, you may be eligible to enter the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy (30-504-2). Successful completion of the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy provides the education and hands-on training required by the Wisconsin Law Enforcement Standards Board to become certifiable as a law enforcement officer. Entrance and exit physical fitness readiness standards as established by the Wisconsin Department of Justice must be met in order to participate in and complete the Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement 720 Academy.

Anyone with a felony conviction or a domestic abuse conviction cannot become a law enforcement officer without a governor's pardon. Numerous moving traffic violations or a lengthy criminal history or mental illness that prevents the applicant from performing essential job functions may hinder opportunities for employment.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS

A list of specific physical, emotional, and mental tasks needed to function as a law enforcement officer is available at mstc.edu/programs/criminal-justice-studies. Contact the Disability Services coordinator in the Student Services & Information Center to receive assistance.

PROGRAM PROGRESSION

In order to successfully complete the program, students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all program and general education courses required for graduation. Please note that the ability to repeat courses is dependent upon availability of courses.

STUDENT HANDBOOK

Visit mstc.edu/studenthandbook to view Mid-State's student handbook, which contains information about admissions, enrollment, appeals processes, services for people with disabilities, financial aid, graduation, privacy, Mid-State's Student Code of Conduct, and technology.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The GPS for Student Success course is required for all Mid-State program students and is recommended to be completed before obtaining 12 credits. (Not counted in the total credit value for this program.) Some students are exempt from this requirement. Please see your program advisor for more information.

GPS for Student Success

10890102 1 credit

Integrate necessary skills for student success by developing an academic plan, identifying interpersonal attributes for success, adopting efficient and effective learning strategies, and utilizing Mid-State resources, policies, and processes. This course is recommended to be completed prior to obtaining 12 credits and is a graduation requirement unless you receive an exemption from your program advisor.

ADDITIONAL COURSES AS NEEDED

The following courses may be recommended or required if the student does not achieve minimum Accuplacer scores.

College Reading and Writing 1

108311043 credits

Provides learners with opportunities to develop and expand reading and writing skills to prepare for college-level academic work. Students will employ critical reading strategies to improve comprehension, analysis, and retention of texts. Students will apply the writing process to produce well-developed, coherent, and unified written work.

Pre-Algebra

108341093 credits

Provides an introduction to algebra. Includes operations on real numbers, solving linear equations, percent and proportion, and an introduction to polynomials and statistics. Prepares students for elementary algebra and subsequent algebra-related courses.

SAMPLE FULL-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term		15 credits
10504114	Introduction to Law Enforcement ☑	3
10504125	Patrol Procedures	3
10504164	Criminal Law for LE	3
10801136	English Composition 1 ☑	3
10804107	College Mathematics ☑ -or-	
10804189	Introductory Statistics ☑	3
Term		15 credits
10504140	Report Writing for Protective Services	3
10504144	Wellness in Public Safety	3
10504163	Constitutional Law for LE	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☑ -or-	
10801198	Speech ☑	3
10809188	Developmental Psychology ☑ -or-	
10809198	Intro to Psychology ☑	3
Term		15 credits
10504103	Fitness for Law Enforcement ☑	1
10504112	Court Procedures	3
10504123	Criminal Investigation	3
10504195	Criminal Justice Internship ☑ -or-	
10504196	Criminal Justice Applications ☑	2
10809122	Intro to American Government ☑ -or-	
10809196	Intro to Sociology ☑	3
10809172	Introduction to Diversity Studies ☑	3
Term		15 credits
10504115	Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement -or-	
10504185	Basic Jail Academy 2 ☑	3
10504129	Community Policing	3
10504134	Intro to LE Organizations and Leadership	3
10504143	Criminology	3
10504166	Criminal Justice Ethics -or-	
10504184	Basic Jail Academy 1 ☑	3
Total credits 60		

☑ This course has options available to receive credit for prior learning (CPL) or work experience. Visit the website at mstc.edu/cpl or contact your advisor for details.

SAMPLE PART-TIME CURRICULUM OPTION

Term		9 credits
10504114	Introduction to Law Enforcement ☑	3
10504164	Criminal Law for LE	3
10801136	English Composition 1 ☑	3
Term		9 credits
10504140	Report Writing for Protective Services	3
10801196	Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☑ -or-	
10801198	Speech ☑	3
10809188	Developmental Psychology ☑ -or-	
10809198	Intro to Psychology ☑	3
Term		6 credits
10504125	Patrol Procedures	3
10804107	College Mathematics ☑ -or-	
10804189	Introductory Statistics ☑	3
Term		9 credits
10504144	Wellness in Public Safety	3
10504163	Constitutional Law for LE	3
10809172	Introduction to Diversity Studies ☑	3
Term		6 credits
10504103	Fitness for Law Enforcement ☑	1
10504112	Court Procedures	3
10504195	Criminal Justice Internship ☑ -or-	
10504196	Criminal Justice Applications ☑	2
Term		6 credits
10504115	Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement -or-	
10504185	Basic Jail Academy 2 ☑	3
10504166	Criminal Justice Ethics -or-	
10504184	Basic Jail Academy 1 ☑	3
Term		6 credits
10504123	Criminal Investigation	3
10809122	Intro to American Government ☑ -or-	
10809196	Intro to Sociology ☑	3
Term		9 credits
10504129	Community Policing	3
10504134	Intro to LE Organizations and Leadership	3
10504143	Criminology	3
Total credits 60		

MULTIPLE MEASURES

Multiple Measures Writing (MMW): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school writing courses with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Reading (MMR): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school literature courses with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Math 1 (MMM_1): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school math (Algebra 1 or equivalent) with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Math 2 (MMM_2): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 2.0 credits of high school math including Algebra 1 and Algebra 2 with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Science 1 (MMS_1): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school lab science course with a "C" or better

Multiple Measures Science 2 (MMS_2): High school GPA of 2.6 and successful completion of 1.0 credits of high school chemistry with a "C" or better

Past high school and college transcripts are used in making course placement decisions.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic Jail Academy 1 ☑

105041843 credits

This State of Wisconsin jail preparatory training program includes the following topics: Introduction to Corrections, Principles of Subject Control, Maintain Jail Security, Jail Hostage Response, Professional Communication Skills, Ethics and Ethical Decision Making, Admit and Release Inmates, Inmate Supervision and Behavior Control, Supervision of Special Needs Inmates/Crisis Intervention, Prepare Reports, Correctional Law, Jail Health Care, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Jail Fire Safety, Application: Scenarios/Simulations, and Testing/Evaluation. Once learners successfully complete this course and the Basic Jail Academy 2 course, they are eligible for certifiable status by the State of Wisconsin to work in a county jail. This is primarily a lab-based class.

Prerequisites: Admission to Corrections and Community Advocacy 105047 program, passing of a background check and medical screening; Corequisite: Basic Jail Academy 2 10504185

Basic Jail Academy 2 ☑

105041853 credits

This State of Wisconsin jail preparatory training program includes the following topics: Introduction to Corrections, Principles of Subject Control, Maintain Jail Security, Jail Hostage Response, Professional Communication Skills, Ethics and Ethical Decision Making, Admit and Release Inmates, Inmate Supervision and Behavior Control, Supervision of Special Needs Inmates/Crisis Intervention, Prepare Reports, Correctional Law, Jail Health Care, Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation, Jail Fire Safety, Application: Scenarios/Simulations, and Testing/Evaluation. Once learners successfully complete this course and the Basic Jail Academy 1 course, they are eligible for certifiable status by the State of Wisconsin to work in a county jail. This is primarily a lab-based class.

Prerequisite: Admission to Corrections and Community Advocacy 105047 program, passing of a background check and medical screening; Corequisite: Basic Jail Academy 1 10504184

College Mathematics ☑

108041073 credits

This course is designed to review and develop fundamental concepts of mathematics in the areas of algebra, geometry, trigonometry, measurement and data. Algebra topics emphasize simplifying algebraic expressions, solving linear equations and inequalities with one variable, solving proportions and percent applications. Geometry and trigonometry topics include; finding areas and volumes of geometric figures, applying similar and congruent triangles, applying Pythagorean Theorem, and solving right triangles using trigonometric ratios. Measurement topics emphasize the application of measurement concepts and conversion techniques within and between U.S. customary and metric system to solve problems. Data topics emphasize data organization and summarization skills, including: frequency distributions, central tendency, relative position and measures of dispersion. Special emphasis is placed on problem solving, critical thinking and logical reasoning, making connections, and using calculators.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMM_1 or Accuplacer Arithmetic of 250 and QAS 234 or ACT Math score of 17 or Pre-Algebra 10834109 with a "C" or better

Community Policing

105041293 credits

Learners will analyze key components of Community Policing including community partnerships, organizational transformation and problem solving. They will examine the role of the patrol officer in relation to community-oriented and problem-oriented policing. Learners will identify community-oriented needs and work directly in the field with community partners to develop a plan for implementation.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114

Constitutional Law for LE

105041633 credits

Learners will explore constitutional law as it relates to the legal basis of the action and limits of law enforcement regarding topics such as arrest, use of force, and search and seizure. Learners will examine the requirements under Wisconsin law guiding law enforcement agency policy and procedures.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114

Contemporary Issues in Law Enforcement

105041153 credits

Studies current police issues related to law enforcement and community attitudes. The course builds a strong basis for the discussion of ethical decision making and the need for a professional mindset. A component to this class focuses on community involvement. Students will identify community organizations in need of volunteers and complete 10 hours of service with those organizations.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114

Court Procedures

105041123 credits

Learners examine the court system to include the formation and design of the courts, the key roles of the courts, and the application of law in the courts. The differences between the federal and state systems are explored. The roles and authority of law enforcement, prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges are investigated. A main focus is dissecting each stage of a criminal case from the initial arrest through the final appeal.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and Criminal Law for LE 10504164.

Criminal Investigation

105041233 credits

This course covers crime scene investigation and criminalistics, and the laws that govern them. Learners will focus on how a crime scene should be investigated, searched and processed for evidence. Learners will search crime scenes, collect and preserve physical evidence and interview victims and witnesses.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045, Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114, Court Procedures 10504112, Criminal Law for LE 10504164, Patrol Procedures 10504125 and Contemporary Issues for LE 10504115

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Criminal Justice Applications ☑

10504196**2 credits**

This course will offer students who don't wish to do an internship an opportunity to meet and complete many of the same objectives. Learners will explore different aspects of the law enforcement career and work on job skills such as resumes, cover letters and interviews.

Prerequisites: Community Policing 10504129, Report Writing 10504140, Constitutional Law for LE 10504163, Criminal Justice Ethics 10504166, and Criminology 10504143

Criminal Justice Ethics

10504166**3 credits**

Introduces learners to ethical duties and decision making dilemmas facing criminal justice professionals. Provides the basic foundations of ethical reasoning and the standards for determining sound ethical decision making. Increases the learner's application of ethical reasoning in the face of agency corruption, use of force, gender and race discrimination, due process, and duty towards others.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045

Criminal Justice Internship ☑

10504195**2 credits**

The internship offers learners an excellent opportunity to experience first-hand, the wide variety of duties and responsibilities of criminal justice professionals in the field. Students interested in an internship with an agency will fill out an application and go through an interview process to determine placement eligibility. NOTE: Host agencies criteria for acceptance as an intern may impact a student's ability to participate in this course.

Prerequisites: Community Policing 10504129, Report Writing 10504140, Constitutional Law for LE 10504163, Criminal Justice Ethics 10504166, and Criminology 10504143

Criminal Law for LE

10504164**3 credits**

Learners will identify concepts specific to criminal law to include the purpose, scope, and sources of law. Students will analyze Wisconsin State Statutes to learn about Wisconsin's crimes against people, property, and other forms of criminal behavior. Learners will study how the criminal code is enforced with regard to juveniles in Wisconsin.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045

Criminology

10504143**3 credits**

Learners will explore crime causation to include sources of data used to analyze crime, demographics of victims and offenders, and the main theories on crime causation. The main crime causation theories will be explored and used to analyze crime on a societal and individual level.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045

Developmental Psychology ☑

10809188.....**3 credits**

Studies human development throughout the lifespan and explores developmental theory and research with an emphasis on the interactive nature of the biological, cognitive, and psychosocial changes that affect the individual from conception to death. Application activities and critical thinking skills enable students to gain an increased knowledge and understanding of themselves and others.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

English Composition 1 ☑

10801136**3 credits**

Learners develop and apply skills in all aspects of the writing process. Through a variety of learning activities and written documents, learners employ rhetorical strategies, plan, organize and revise content, apply critical reading strategies, locate and evaluate information, integrate and document sources, and apply standardized English language conventions.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMW or Accuplacer Writing of 262 or ACT English score of 20 or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better

Fitness for Law Enforcement ☑

10504103**1 credit**

This course is designed to get students prepared for the physical fitness demands of law enforcement. Learners will identify healthy habits and explore ways to make fitness a part of their daily lives to build the foundation for a healthy career. Learners will be prepared to meet the physical entrance standards for the DOJ recruit academy.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045, Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114.

Intro to American Government ☑

10809122.....**3 credits**

Introduces American political processes and institutions. Focuses on rights and responsibilities of citizens and the process of participatory democracy. Learners examine the complexity of the separation of powers and checks and balances. Explores the role of the media, interest groups, political parties, and public opinion in the political process. Also explores the role of state and national government in our federal system.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Intro to LE Organizations and Leadership

10504134**3 credits**

Learners will examine effective leadership strategies to include concepts on transformational leadership, collaborative leadership, and organizational leadership. Students will identify areas that they can immediately develop regarding their leadership skills and learn how to apply those skills in the future.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Intro to Psychology ☑

108091983 credits

This science of psychology course is a survey of multiple aspects of behavior and mental processes. It provides an overview of topics such as research methods, theoretical perspectives, learning, cognition, memory, motivation, emotions, personality, abnormal psychology, physiological factors, social influences, and development.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Intro to Sociology ☑

108091963 credits

Introduces students to the basic concepts of sociology: culture, socialization, social stratification, multi-culturalism, and the five institutions of family, politics, economics, religion, and education. Other topics include demography, deviance, technology, environment, social issues, social change, social organization, and workplace issues.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Introduction to Diversity Studies ☑

108091723 credits

This course introduces the study of diversity from a local to a global perspective using a holistic, interdisciplinary approach that encourages exploration and prepares students to work in a diverse environment. The course introduces basic diversity concepts, examines the impact of bias and power differentials among groups, explores the use of culturally responsive communication strategies, and compares forces that shape diversity in an international context.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Introduction to Law Enforcement ☑

105041143 credits

Explores who the police are, what they do, and how they do it. The course provides a general overview of policing in our society so that learners can understand why and how policing is performed. Addresses jobs available in policing, how to get them, what skills you will need and what you will do when you get those jobs. Learners will get a clear look at policing to help them determine if this career is for them.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045

Introductory Statistics ☑

108041893 credits

Students taking Introductory Statistics display data with graphs, describe distributions with numbers, perform correlation and regression analyses, and design experiments. They use probability and distributions to make predictions, estimate parameters, and test hypotheses. They draw inferences about relationships including ANOVA. Algebra knowledge and foundational skills in mathematics are important for success in this course.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMM_2 or Accuplacer QAS 241 or ACT Math score of 19 or Pre-Algebra 10834109 or College Math 10804107 with a "C" or better

Oral/Interpersonal Communication ☑

108011963 credits

Focuses on developing effective listening techniques and verbal and nonverbal communication skills through oral presentation, group activity, and other projects. The study of self, conflict, and cultural contexts will be explored, as well as their impact on communication.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 236 and Writing of 237 or ACT of 15 Reading/16 English

Patrol Procedures

105041253 credits

Learners are introduced to effective patrol techniques related to the use of law enforcement electronic equipment, traffic enforcement, and patrol-related techniques. Learners will utilize a mixture of classroom and realistic training exercises while using equipment that is consistent with what actual law enforcement officers use in the field.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and Introduction to Law Enforcement 10504114

Report Writing for Protective Services

105041403 credits

Introduces the knowledge necessary to write a variety of law enforcement reports to convey necessary information that is clear, concise, complete and accurate. Learners will participate in scenarios and role playing which will culminate with them completing a police report.

Prerequisites: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045 and English Composition 1 10801136

Speech ☑

108011983 credits

Explores the fundamentals of effective oral presentation to small and large groups. Topic selection, audience analysis, methods of organization, research, structuring evidence and support, delivery techniques, and other essential elements of speaking successfully, including the listening process, form the basis of this course. Includes informative, persuasive, and occasion speech presentations.

Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Prerequisite: High School GPA of 2.6 and MMR and MMW or Accuplacer Reading Skills of 253 and Writing of 262 or ACT of 21 Reading/19 English or completion of College Reading and Writing 1 10831104 with a "C" or better

Wellness in Public Safety

105041443 credits

Introduces the skills and abilities needed to deal constructively with the stress related to a career in criminal justice. Learners will identify their sources of stress, their early warning signs, and healthy coping styles. Course also focuses on time management, relaxation activities, along with exercise and diet planning.

Prerequisite: Admission to Criminal Justice-Studies program 105045