

Criminal Justice - Criminology

Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice - Criminology

The Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice - Criminology option is a transfer degree and contains the Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum (Core 42), including specific general education and criminology courses needed to facilitate transfer. This academic guide is based on the 2024-2025 Missouri State University-West Plains Catalog. The time to complete the degree will vary, depending on remediation, summer enrollment, number of classes taken per semester, etc.

Degree Requirements

Written Communications	Credit Hours
ENG 110 Writing I	3
Writing II: Select three (3) credit hours	
ENG 210 Writing II: Academic Writing	3
ENG 221 Writing II: Writing for the Professions	
Oral Communications	Credit Hours
COM 115 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Mathematical Sciences	Credit Hours
MTH 130 Contemporary Math or higher	3
Natural Sciences	Credit Hours
Select a minimum of seven (7) credit hours of natural science courses, including at least one course with lab component, from the list of approved Natural Sciences Core 42 courses.	7
Social and Behavioral Science	Credit Hours
CRM 210 American Criminal Justice System	3
PLS 101 American Democracy and Citizenship (<i>Civics</i>)	3
Select three (3) credit hours from the list of approved Social and Behavioral Science Core 42 courses.	3
Humanities and Fine Arts	Credit Hours
Select nine (9) credit hours, in at least 2 disciplines, from the list of approved Humanities and Fine Arts Core 42 courses.	9
Additional General Education	Credit Hours
Select five (5) credit hours, from the list of approved Core 42 courses.	5
Institutional Requirements	Credit Hours
CIS 101 Computers for Learning	3
CRM 297 Criminology Capstone	1
IDS: Select two (2) credit hours	
IDS 110 Student Success	2
IDS 115 Career Exploration	
Criminology Requirements	Credit Hours
CRM 220 Criminology	3
CRM 250 Police in American Society	3
CRM 260 Criminal Law and the Courts	3
CRM 270 Institutional and Community-Based Corrections	3
Total Hours	60

Degree Notes:

- Math requirements exclude MTH 197 or MTH 297.
- Electives must be approved by the department.
- Students should confirm the transferability of courses with their transfer university before completing courses at MSU-WP.
- This degree is a transfer degree and contains the Missouri Higher Education Core Transfer Curriculum (Core 42).

Recommended Two-Year Plan

Term 1 (Fall)	Course #	Credit Hours
	CIS 101	3
	CRM 210	3
	ENG 110	3
	IDS 110	1
	IDS 115	1
	Hum/Fine Arts	3
	Total	14
	Milestone: Complete CIS 101, ENG 110, IDS 110, & IDS 115	

Term 2 (Spring)	Course #	Credit Hours
	COM 115	3
	CRM 220	3
	ENG 210/221	3
	MTH 130	3
	Soc/Behavioral Science	3
	Total	15

Milestones: Complete all English, Math and Reading prerequisites during first year.

Term 3 (Fall)	Course #	Credit Hours
	CRM 250	3
	CRM 260	3
	PLS 101	3
	Hum/Fine Arts	3
	Natural Science	4
	Total	16

Term 4 (Spring)	Course #	Credit Hours
	CRM 270	3
	CRM 297	1
	Gen Ed Elective	3
	Gen Ed Elective	2
	Hum/Fine Arts	3
	Natural Science	3
	Total	15
	Milestone: Apply to graduate.	

Milestone Notes:

- Milestones are a major step in the completion of the degree. Each milestone must be met in order to advance to the next stage of education.
- Milestone courses should be completed in the designated semester.
- All milestone courses must be completed with a C or higher.
- Students are encouraged to apply for graduation early in their last semester.

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