

CRIMINAL JUSTICE-CORRECTIONS, ASSOCIATE

Program Description

The associate degree in corrections will prepare you to work in correctional facilities as corrections officers. Students who have 15 credits in Corrections, Criminal Justice, Psychology, Sociology, Educational Psychology, Family Relations, Guidance and Counseling, Pastoral Counseling, Social Work or Law Enforcement meet the education requirements for a corrections officer with the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Associate degree graduates may also find paraprofessional jobs in other areas of corrections. This degree is compatible with the bachelor of science degree in criminal justice/corrections.

Program Learning Outcomes

- Formal Communication (FC): Graduates of the Criminal Justice and Emergency Responders Programs will be able to communicate effectively at a professional level, both orally and in writing.
- Use of Evidence (UE): Graduates of the Criminal Justice and Emergency Responders Programs will complete a Senior research project that demonstrates professional level inquiry, analysis, and presentation of a relevant issue in the field of criminal justice.
- Analysis and Synthesis (AS): Graduates of the Criminal Justice and Emergency Responders programs will demonstrate professional level critical thinking and problem solving skills.
- Professional Responsibility (PR): Graduates of the Criminal Justice and Emergency Responders programs will demonstrate professional responsibility in teamwork, civic engagement, intercultural knowledge and competence, ethical reasoning, and practical applications of those responsibilities while interning in a professional setting, student projects, and group work.

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Major Requirements		
CJUS 101	Introduction Criminal Justice	3
CJUS 110	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJUS 220	Institutional Corrections	3
CJUS 240	Community Based Corrections	3
CJUS 319	Substantive Criminal Law	3
CJUS 321	Ethical Issues Public Safety	3
POLI 120	Introduction Legal Processes	3
PSYC 240	Behavior Management	3
CJUS 140	Crim Theory/Corr Client Growth	3
or SOCY 214	Criminology	
Total Hours		27

General Education: All LSSU Associate's degree candidates must complete the LSSU General Education Requirements.

A minimum of 62 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.00 or higher. A gpa of 2.00 or

higher is also required in your Major, as well as in your General Education Requirements.