

MSU-West Plains Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice

to

MSU Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Available on campus or online.

Comprehensive majors do not require a minor or second major.

MSU West Plains Year 1 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU-West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALEN	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Institutional Requirement	IDS 110	Student Success	2	GEC 101	
Institutional Requirement	CIS 101	Computers for Learning	3	ITC 200	
Social/Behavioral Sciences*	CRM 210	American Criminal Justice System	3	CRM 210	✓
Written Communications	ENG 110	Writing I	3	ENG 110	
Humanities and Fine Arts*	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Semester 1 Total			14		

MSU West Plains Year 1 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU-West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALEN	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Mathematical Sciences	MTH 130 or higher	Contemporary Math	3	MTH 130	
Oral Communications	COM 115	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3	COM 115	
Major Requirement	CRM 220	Criminology	3	CRM 220	✓
Social/Behavioral Sciences*	Choose one Social/Behavioral Science course.		3	Varies	
Written Communications	ENG 210 or ENG 221	Writing II: Academic Writing Writing II: Writing for the Professions	3	ENG 210 ENG 221	
Semester 2 Total			15		

MSU West Plains Year 2 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU-West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Major Requirement	CRM 250	Police in American Society	3	CRM 250	✓
Major Requirement	CRM 260	Criminal Law and the Courts	3	CRM 260	✓
Natural Sciences*	Choose one Natural Science LAB course.		4	Varies	
Social/Behavioral Sciences* - Civics	PLS 101	American Democracy and Citizenship	3	PLS 101	
Humanities and Fine Arts*	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Semester 3 Total			16		

MSU West Plains Year 2 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU-West Plains COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS	MSU EQUIVALENT	MSU MAJOR REQUIREMENT
Core Elective	Choose MOTR coded course(s) of your choice with the assistance of an advisor.		6	Varies	
Major Requirement	CRM 270	Institutional and Community-Based Corrections	3	CRM 270	✓
Natural Sciences*	Choose one Natural Science course.		3	Varies	
Humanities and Fine Arts*	Choose one Humanities and Fine Arts course.		3	Varies	
Semester 4 Total			15	Total MSU Hours:	15
Total Hours at MSU-West Plains			60		

*Must fulfill two disciplines

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MSU Year 3 Semester 1

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CRM 330	Juvenile Justice	3
Major Elective▲	<u>Choose any Criminology course numbered 300 and above.</u>		3
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General Elective **			6
Semester 1 Total			15

MSU Year 3 Semester 2

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CRM 341	Introduction to Criminal Justice Data	3
Major Requirement	CRM 365	Criminal Procedure	3
Major Elective▲	<u>Choose any Criminology course numbered 300 and above.</u>		3
General Elective **			6
Semester 2 Total			15

MSU Year 4 Semester 3

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CRM 340	Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
Major Requirement	CRM 415	Difference and Diversity in Criminology	3
Major Elective▲	<u>Choose any Criminology course numbered 300 and above.</u>		3
Upper Division Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses level 300 or above that will complement your specific career goals.		3
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Semester 3 Total			15

MSU Year 4 Semester 4

REQUIREMENT DESCRIPTION	MSU COURSE ID/TITLE		CREDIT HOURS
Major Requirement	CRM 496	Senior Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
Upper Division Elective **	Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses level 300 or above that will complement your specific career goals.		6
General Elective **			6
Major Requirement	CRM 494	Program Assessment in Criminology and Criminal Justice	0
Institutional Requirement	University Exit Survey		0
Semester 4 Total			15
Total Hours at MSU			60
Total Hours Overall			120

**Work with your MSU advisor to identify courses that will complement your specific career goals. Electives provide the opportunity to customize your degree program. Some elective credits may or may not be needed to bring total credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours and upper division hours (300+) to 40.

▲ Required program electives may count toward certificate programs, please consult your advisor for more information.

Students can apply for admission to MSU-Springfield up to a year in advance. Please contact your MSU advisor in September for spring classes and February for fall class discussion. Registering on time is very important as classes will fill up quickly.

Please note: CRM 210, 250, 260, and 270 are prerequisites for almost all other required upper division CRM classes.

This degree is also available as a Bachelor of Arts (BA).
[Click here to access the Bachelor of Arts Degree Requirements](#)
Please consult an MSU transfer advisor to determine your best degree options.

This information is provided as a guide only.

- MSU-West Plains students are strongly encouraged to meet with their major specific MSU transfer advisor early in their MSU-West Plains education to discuss the most appropriate MSU-West Plains coursework for their intended MSU major, MSU degree requirements, etc.
- Students are required to fulfill MSU graduation and GPA requirements to receive a degree and should consult with their MSU advisor and the MSU undergraduate catalog for details, as there may exist pre-requisite requirements as well as periodicity limitations that could affect scheduling sequences.
- Please note that transfer students from Missouri public colleges and universities may follow the general education and general baccalaureate degree requirements in effect at Missouri State when they first enrolled (or re-enrolled after an absence of one calendar year or more) as degree-seeking students at the institutions from which they transferred (e.g., MSU-West Plains).