

Criminal Justice-Law Enforcement Specialist Option CJLE

Law Enforcement Specialist Option

The Law Enforcement option's main goal is to provide a quality education to students which will improve the students' analytical, cognitive skills, and to prepare them for a career as a law enforcement officer at all levels of government. This option strives to provide students with outstanding problem solving abilities, critical thinking and decision making skills, as well as strong communication capabilities. These skills are highly sought in the field of criminal justice. This option leads the student to our nationally recognized and state certified Law Enforcement Academy where the primary faculty use Problem-Based Learning methodologies as the foundation of all instruction. This enables the student to be best prepared for any entry-level position in the field of law enforcement.

A well rounded general education is required for students in the program. Besides the general education requirements, students are required to take additional upper level courses in multiple areas outside of their academic major. This is done to ensure a well-educated graduate who possesses cognitive skills and knowledge not only within their discipline, but also across a wide array of areas of life that they will frequently encounter. Academic and technical knowledge, skills and abilities are provided to students in the program. Students are provided analytical reasoning skills that will allow them to learn and excel in law enforcement.

Career Opportunities

The Law Enforcement education track provides technical education and training that provides students with marketable policing skills. The Law Enforcement Academy is scheduled as the last year of the student's bachelor degree program and is formally approved by the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards. Upon academy completion and graduation, the student is eligible for a license to be a Michigan police officer. This allows employment in any Michigan police agency. In addition, the Law Enforcement option provides for a solid educational foundation for any law enforcement positions within the United States, including the federal government. Our academy has reciprocity with 48 other states allowing movement to other regions of our country after graduation.

Admission Requirements

Admission into the Law Enforcement option is granted on a competitive basis, as space permits, and a minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

General Education Requirements

All general University General Education requirements can be found here: <http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/academics/gened/courses/GenEd-bachelor.pdf>

Please consult this link for a complete listing of General Education Electives: <https://www.ferris.edu/academics/gened/courses/>

Graduation Requirements

A 2.5 GPA is required for graduation.

More Information

Ferris State University

School of Criminal Justice

1349 Cramer Circle, BIS 509

Big Rapids, MI 49307-2737

Phone: 231-591-3652 or 231-591-5080

Junior-Senior Level

Entrance into the junior year of the criminal justice program is on a grade point competitive, space available basis.

By the end of the sophomore year winter semester, students must choose one of the three program concentrations: (1) law enforcement specialist, (2) criminal justice corrections, or (3) criminal justice generalist.

Law Enforcement Specialist Concentration

CRIM 305	Ethical Issues in Crim Justice	3
CRIM 311	Police and Society	3
CRIM 321	Police Report Writing	3
CRIM 355	Precision Driving	3
CRIM 356	Firearms	3
CRIM 385	Current Issues in CJ	3
CRIM 391	Criminal Justice Internship	4
CRIM 402	Physical Fitness Conditioning	1
CRIM 403	Physical-Defensive Tactics	5
CRIM 420	Conflict Mgmt in Crim Justice	4
CRIM 425	Michigan Criminal Law	4
CRIM 430	Michigan Criminal Procedure	4
CRIM 440	Criminal Investigation	5
CRIM 453	Patrol Problems	4
CRIM 454	Traffic Management	5
CRIM 498	Law Enforcement Assessment	1
RMLS 425	Advanced First Aid	3
LITR 343	Crime-Violence in Literature	3

General Electives

If pursuing a forensic minor, please meet with your advisor for appropriate courses

Select one: PSYC 325, PSYC 331, PSYC 341, PSYC 342,

PSYC 410, PSYC 422, PSYC 430	3
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Select one: SOCY 225, SOCY 230, SOCY 242, SOCY 340, SOCY 341, SOCY 344, SOCY 345, SOCY 443, SOCY 450, SOCY 460	3
Minimum semester credit hours required for criminal justice B.S. degree/law enforcement specialist option:	134