

Criminal Justice Major and Minor

Background

The College of Community Studies and Public Affairs School of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice (SLC) offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in law enforcement and criminal justice, as well as certificate and continuing education programs. The school is located at the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Education Center (LECJEC) in Brooklyn Park.

Careers

A baccalaureate degree is the preferred educational requirement for many positions within the criminal justice system. The criminal justice program is designed for both students who are preparing for careers in criminal justice and related fields, as well as current practitioners who wish to enhance their knowledge and skills. Students completing a criminal justice major are academically prepared for employment and career advancement in a range of challenging and exciting careers in criminal justice.



Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (BA)

The BA in criminal justice program is strongly grounded in the liberal arts and provides students with a broad analysis of the functions and operations of the criminal justice system, as well as an examination of the relationship between law and society. An emphasis is placed on the interrelatedness of the components of the system including law enforcement, juvenile justice, probation and parole, courts and corrections.

Criminal Justice Major (55 semester credits)

Core Courses (45 semester credits):

- * CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- * CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice
- CJS 210 Constitutional Law
- CJS 300 Corrections and Community Corrections
- CJS 301 Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- CJS 305 The Criminal Court System
- CJS 320 Criminology and Public Policy

- LAWE 330 Policing and Society
- CJS 350 Citizenship: Community Involvement OR
- CJS 354 Restorative Justice
- CJS 360 Diversity in Criminal Justice
- CJS 375 Ethics and Professionalism in Criminal Justice
- CJS 489 Criminal Justice Capstone-Internship OR
- CJS 490 Criminal Justice Capstone-Research

* CJS 101 and CJS 201 are prerequisites for most required CJS and LAWE major courses.

Directed Electives: (10 semester credits, three courses minimum, at least 6 of 10 credits must be upper division):

Criminal Justice students may choose from a variety of elective options within the criminal justice and law enforcement disciplines.

Criminal Justice Minor (22 semester credits)

Core Courses (10 semester credits):

- * CJS 101 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- * CJS 201 Foundations in Criminal Justice
- CJS 320 Criminology and Public Policy

Choose two courses from the following:

- CJS 300 Corrections and Community Corrections
- CJS 305 The Criminal Court System
- LAWE 330 Policing and Society

* CJS 101 and CJS 201 are prerequisites for most required CJS and LAWE major courses.

Directed Electives: (4 semester credits, one upper division course):

Criminal Justice minors must select one, four credit directed elective course from criminal justice or law enforcement.

Criminal Justice and Law Enforcement Double Major

Students who intend to double major in law enforcement and criminal justice must complete significant course work specific to each discipline; a minimum of 24 credits (residency requirement) is required for each discipline. Restrictions apply. Review the academic catalog for more information.

Acceptance to the Major

All newly admitted students are considered criminal justice pre-majors and should work closely with their assigned SLC academic advisor to discuss remaining steps for acceptance to the major. Requirements for acceptance into the Criminal Justice major include:

- complete the GELS/MNTC writing requirements
- complete 30 general education credits
- establish a cumulative Metropolitan State GPA of 2.25 or higher, and
- attend a SLC Pre-major Advising Workshop (PAW)

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Admission to the Minor

Students who wish to minor in criminal justice may complete and submit an online minor declaration form. More information is available at www.metrostate.edu/student/learning-resources/learning-resources/academic-advising/declare-your-program.



SLC Transfer Students

Prospective SLC transfer students should explore Transferology to better understand how transfer courses will be accepted at Metropolitan State. Transferology is an online transfer credit database used by all Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, www.transferology.com.

Once admitted to the university, your academic advisor can assist you in confirming transfer work and exploring appeal processes if necessary.

SLC Academic Advising

The SLC Advising Center is staffed with professional advisors who assist prospective, new and current students with academic and career planning and registration. Following admission to Metropolitan State, students will be notified by email of their assigned academic advisor. All new students must complete the online New Student Orientation and any required placement assessments before registering for classes.

Following completion of New Student Orientation, students should sign up to attend a Pre-major Advising Workshop (PAW) during their first semester. PAW attendance is a requirement for acceptance to the major. The PAW provides detailed information about SLC programs and policies. Sessions are held monthly at LECJEC. Registration is required. For the PAW schedule and online registration form, visit: www.metrostate.edu/slc-pre-major-advising-workshop.

SLC students should visit the SLC Advising Center website regularly for important next steps and information. In addition to general advising information, students can access career advising resources, important forms/handouts, and frequently asked questions. Visit today at: www.metrostate.edu/student/university-info/university-info/college-of-community-studies-and-public-affairs/school-of-law-enforcement-and-criminal-justice/slc-advising.

Accreditation

Metropolitan State University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

How to Apply

Prospective students must complete a Metropolitan State University application located at: www.metrostate.edu/admissions.

An important step in the college selection process is to arrange a visit with an admissions counselor or to attend a free general information session. For more information, email the Admissions Office at admissions@metrostate.edu, or call Admissions at 651-793-1302.

SLC contact information:

SLC General Information: 763-657-3749

SLC Advising Center: 763-657-3749 or slcadvising@metrostate.edu

Website: www.metrostate.edu/school-law-enforcement

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