Criminal Justice Studies
10-504-5 Associate Degree (two-year)

Program Overview
Protective services today require employees that are knowledgeable, ethical, have strong communication skills, and that are adaptable to ever-changing technology along with changes in society. The Criminal Justice Studies program will prepare students for various positions in the criminal justice field. The program will also prepare the graduate to work as a juvenile detention officer, police dispatcher, or security officer positions. As an associate degree program, the credits and focus also prepare a graduate to pursue other associated careers such as probation/parole agent, public defense lawyer, FBI agent, or other law enforcement positions requiring a bachelor’s degree and beyond.

Admission Requirements
Students in this program must:
• Complete application form and submit with fee (fee waiver may apply if previously submitted)
• Complete Accuplacer entrance assessment to determine placement (waiver may apply with acceptable alternative test scores and/or postsecondary degree completion)
• Review and sign Functional Ability Statement of Understanding
• Review and sign Caregiver Background Check and/or Criminal History Record Check Statement of Understanding
• Complete admissions meeting with a WITC counselor (above requirements should be completed prior to meeting)

Program-Specific Requirements
Students in this program must:
• Submit background check fee
• Have acceptable results based on the Wisconsin Criminal History Record Check - information from the Criminal History Record Check may affect ability to secure internship placement and the ability to find employment after graduation

Program Outcomes
Employers will expect graduates to be able to:
• Examine the components of and interrelationships in the criminal justice system
• Manage emergency situations
• Establish situational safety
• Apply appropriate communication skills to public safety incidents
• Conduct investigations
• Adhere to the professional code of ethics for a criminal justice practitioner
• Maintain a healthy lifestyle

Employability essentials and indicators will also be addressed to develop personal awareness, career effectiveness, and professionalism. See page 5 of the college catalog for a list of employability essentials and indicators.

Career Outlook
Graduates will find employment opportunities in government, commerce, or industry as:
• Police Officers
• Deputy Sheriffs
• State Patrol/Troopers
• Jail Deputy/Officers
• Correctional Officers
• Youth Care Workers
• Detention Workers
• Private Investigators
• Security Officers
• Telecommunicators
• Park and Forestry Personnel

After completing the associate degree program, graduates may apply for the 160 Jail Officer Academy or 720 Law Enforcement Training.

With additional education or work experience, graduates may also pursue a position as a(n):
• Adult/Juvenile Administrator
• Institutional Case Worker/Social Worker
• Probation/Parole Administrator
• Probation/Parole Agent
• Youth Counselor/Case Aide
• Youth Detention Home Supervisor

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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS 64

▲ Requires a prerequisite and/or corequisite that must be completed with a grade point of 2.0 or better.

See pages 40-43 for course descriptions. Students must earn a grade point of 2.0 or better in all required 10504XXX and 10520XXX courses.
Programs and Course Descriptions

(See pages 41-43 for General Studies course descriptions)

10504161
Courts/Jurisdiction - Credits: 3
This introductory course explores the development of the American judicial system. Students will examine the operational procedures of the federal, state, municipal, and specialized court systems as they impact law enforcement and/or corrections.

10504163
Criminal Justice-Introduction - Credits: 3
Students will explore the evolution of criminal justice systems, including courts, corrections, and law enforcement. Understand career pathways within the criminal justice system, including roles, functions, and professionalism.

10504164
Introduction to Criminal Law - Credits: 3
Identify basic concepts of criminal law. Students will explore the elements of various crimes against persons, property and crimes involving drugs, alcohol, or other criminal activity. Understand the diverse sentence structures in the criminal justice system.

10504165
Communication Strategies - Credits: 3
Students will learn about the communication process and techniques used to make them effective, professional communicators. Verbal and nonverbal communication strategies will be incorporated for a variety of situations and populations. Professional communication skills, including Motivational Interviewing (MI), interviewing, and interrogation techniques will be emphasized.

10504167
Policing Strategies - Credits: 3
Students will learn various policing strategies. Emphasis will be placed on community policing philosophies and problem solving using community resources. Understand how to identify and develop partnerships in the community to promote positive community relationships.

10504168
Wellness - Credits: 2
Understand how to maintain a healthy lifestyle, including stress management and relaxation, weight control, effective sleep, minimization of alcohol and tobacco use, financial stability, and spirituality. Recognize factors contributing to suicide within the criminal justice profession.

10504169
Criminal Justice Due Process - Credits: 3
Learn key concepts and principles of due process and constitutional law. The U.S. Constitution, particularly the Bill of Rights, will be analyzed as it applies to the criminal justice professionals. Legal precedent setting cases and state law will be reviewed.

10504172
Criminology - Credits: 3
This introductory course examines the nature, demographics, and impact of crime in the United States. Using a scientific approach, students will analyze the theoretical causation of criminal activity. Explore legal and political implications of crime prevention and control.

10504173
Criminal Justice Investigations - Credits: 3
Gain general knowledge of investigative strategies and techniques. Learn basic information on identifying, processing and preserving various types of evidence, and processing crime scenes. Interview and interrogation techniques will be practiced within legal guidelines of Miranda.

10504177
Juvenile Justice System - Credits: 3
Students will examine the juvenile and adult justice systems. The historical aspect of the juvenile system will be studied and compared to the modern day system. Juvenile sanctions and dispositions, including rehabilitation and therapy, will be discussed. Laws covering child maltreatment and children in need of protection services will be recognized.

10504176
Criminal Justice Ethics - Credits: 3
This course explores the ethical, legal, and criminal justice professional issues. It is designed to teach a process of ethical decision-making and to increase awareness of the complexities in the criminal justice system for criminal justice professionals.

10504177
Traffic Law Enforcement - Credits: 3
Gain a basic knowledge of Wisconsin traffic laws. General skills of detecting traffic violations, issuing traffic citations, directing traffic, and crash investigation will be gained. Identify responsibilities of a first responding officer, how to manage the response to a scene, and take necessary steps to enable effective follow-up as needed.

10504146
Probation/Parole - Credits: 3
Explore the function, duties, and role of probation and parole. Learn the types of offenses, sentencing process, presentence investigation, revocation procedures, transitioning, and alternatives to incarceration. Identify and implement classification and assessment tools proved to be effective in evidence based practice.

10504181
Criminal Justice Report Writing - Credits: 3
Learn basic requirements, guidelines, and skills for proper and professional written documentation of activities in a criminal justice setting. The student will explain the context of report writing, take effective field notes, organize information in reports, write narratives, and describe what information should/should not be included in certain types of reports.

10504182
Criminal Justice Internship - Credits: 2
The Criminal Justice Internship is designed to provide on-the-job experiences in actual work situations. These experiences strengthen student competencies through participation in a wide variety of criminal justice system experiences ranging from routine assignments to specialized work-related duties. Instructor approval is required prior to enrolling in this course. PREREQUISITE: 32 Credits of 10504XXX or 10520XXX coursework must be completed.

10504183
Criminal Justice Capstone - Credits: 2
This course is the capstone work-based experience for the Criminal Justice Studies program. It is designed to encourage students to think critically and solve challenging problems. Students will design, develop, and perform a project either in an actual work experience or a simulated project. The project will be designed to utilize skills typical of a graduate in the field. Instructor approval is required prior to enrolling in this course. PREREQUISITE: 32 Credits of 10504XXX or 10520XXX coursework must be completed.

10520104
Issues in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse - Credits: 3
Students gain a basic understanding of the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs. Emphasis is on historical and social perspectives of drug use, trends of use, and legal and social responses to problematic alcohol and illicit drug use. Additionally, this course provides an accurate description of the effects of psychoactive drugs, identifies methods of substance abuse treatment, and introduces the student to local treatment services.

Graduate Employment Information

Criminal Justice Studies is a new WITC program. No graduate follow-up information is currently available.

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