

Criminal Justice—Corrections Degree (CJCD)

There are several good reasons to pursue or continue your education in criminal justice: 1) It is one of the fastest growing job markets in the nation. 2) As crime changes and criminals become more sophisticated, criminal justice professionals must increase their knowledge, skills, and sophistication in enforcing laws. 3) The public continues to demand higher standards and effectiveness of criminal justice officials. 4) Through various pay incentive programs, corrections personnel may receive salary increases by pursuing higher education. 5) Criminal justice is also a good foundation for those pursuing a career in law. The corrections concentration focuses on counseling and rehabilitation of offenders, probation, parole, community corrections, and juvenile services. **The Criminal Justice program is approved as a Police Career Incentive Program by the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education.**

Number	Suggested Course Order	Cr	Semester	Grade	Prerequisites/Notes
Level 1					
ENG101	English Composition I	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
SOC103	Introduction to Sociology	3			Note: SOC103 is a prerequisite to CJU232 and is recommended for first semester.
MAT126	Topics in Mathematics (<i>or</i> higher)	3			MAT096 or placement
CJU131	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3			Note: CJU131 should be taken during the first semester.
CJU133	Criminal Law	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
ENG102	English Composition II	3			ENG101
PSY105	Introduction to Psychology	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
CIS127	Computer Technologies (<i>or</i> higher)	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
CJU134	Criminal Procedure	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
CJU232	Introduction to Criminology	3			SOC103
Level 2					
	BIO103 <i>or</i> Lab Science	3/4			Lab science required for transfer
POL211	Massachusetts and the Federal System	3			ENG100, RDG100, or placement
	Restrictive Elective	3			Electives: CJU252, SOC208, SOC212, SPA109 (<i>or</i> higher)
CJU254	Counseling and Rehabilitation of the Offender	3			PSY105 preferred & either CIS131, 250, 232, or permission of instructor
CJU250	Introduction to Corrections	3			CJU131
CJU220	Technical Writing for the Criminal Justice Professional	1			ENG101 (Should be taken in semester preceding CJU255)
THE113	Speech	3			ENG101
PSY240 <i>or</i> SOC205 <i>or</i> HIS125	Abnormal Psychology <i>or</i> Social Problems <i>or</i> American Ethnic History	3			PSY105, SOC103, ENG100, RDG100, or placement
PER126/130	Health, Fitness, & Wellness Elective	2/3			Prerequisites: MAT092, RDG100, or placement Note: PER130 is recommended for transfer
	General Elective	3			Recommended: PSY240, HIS125, SOC205
CJU260	Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections	3			CJU131; CJU250 recommended.
CJU255	Seminar in Criminal Justice	3			Prerequisites: ENG102, completion of all required criminal justice courses, or one to two concurrently, or permission of instructor Note: This course should be taken in the semester immediately preceding graduation.
Total: 63/65 credits					

See page 100 of the college catalog for program competencies and technical standards.

Campus/format: This program can be completed during the day at the Gardner Campus.

Helpful hints: Academic and career advising sessions with a criminal justice advisor are highly recommended. Cooperative education, volunteer, and/or service learning experiences may increase chances of employment.

Transfer options: Transfer agreements exist with Charter Oak State College, Hesser College, Roger Williams University, UMASS Lowell and the University of Phoenix. Check with your advisor to ensure proper course selections.

Visit MWCC's transfer planning services website:
<http://traser.mwcc.edu>

3 Plus ONE eligible—go to: www.mwcc.edu/3PlusONE

Special requirements: Students enrolled in the Criminal Justice program are not eligible for life experience, police academy, armed services, or Tech Prep credits and are limited to six credits total in CLEP, DANTEs, and challenge exams. Only courses completed at institutions accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools may be transferred into the program. Transfer students are required to complete at least three of their required criminal justice courses (nine credits) at MWCC. Students should complete Level I before Level II. A Criminal and Sexual Offender Records Information (CORI/SORI) check is required for student interns. Technical standards must be met with or without accommodations.

Career options: Correctional officers; correctional counselors; parole officers; probation officers; and specialized counselors in areas such as victims' services, juvenile services, substance abuse, domestic violence, sex offender treatment, rape crisis, and community corrections programs.

Earning potential: Varies depending on education level and position.