

## Southwestern Michigan College (SMC)

### Articulation Agreement and Transfer Guide

The Criminal Justice baccalaureate degree prepares students for a professional career in the Criminal Justice system in Michigan and throughout the country. This **Generalist option** prepares the student to seek federal, state and/or local Criminal Justice agency employment or admission to law school or graduate school, and it gives students an education with a broad focus in Criminal Justice. The program offers small class sizes, usually between 15 to 30 students, and our degreed faculty members have extensive Criminal Justice experience and utilize a pragmatic approach to prepare students for a career in Criminal Justice. The most common positions for graduates of this program are: police officer, corrections officer, community correction officer, probation officer, detective, federal agent, and investigator for a multitude of public and private agencies and/or corporations.

#### Communication Competency Requirements

| FSU Course                             | FSU Course Title  | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv.                   | SMC Course Title                                       | SMC Cr. Hrs.  |
|--|---|--------------|------------------------------|--|---------------|
| COMM 105 or<br>COMM 121                | Interpersonal Communication or<br>Fundamentals of Public<br>Speaking                  | 3            | No Equivalent<br>or SPEE 102 | No Equivalent or<br>Fundamentals of Public<br>Speaking | 3             |
| ENGL 150                               | English 1   | 3            | ENG 103                      | Freshman English 2                                     | 4             |
| ENGL 250                               | English 2   | 3            | ENG 104                      | Freshman English 3                                     | 4             |
| ENGL 321 or<br>ENGL 311 or<br>ENGL 325 | Advanced Composition or<br>Advanced Technical Writing or<br>Advanced Business Writing | 3            | No Equivalent                | No Equivalent  | No Equivalent |

**Quantitative Literacy Requirements** - see below or Any MATH Course Higher Than MATH 115; Except MATH 218, Official Pre-2016 Math SAT Score of 560 or Higher, Official Post-2016 Math SAT Score of 580 or Higher, or Official Math ACT Score of 24 or Higher

| FSU Course   | FSU Course Title  | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv.  | SMC Course Title  | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|--|---|--------------|---|---|--------------|
| MATH 115 +<br>MATH 1-Q or<br>MATH 117 or<br>MATH 251 | Intermediate Algebra +<br>MATH General Credit or<br>Contemporary Mathematics or<br>Introduction to Statistics | 3 - 4        | MATH 102 or<br>MATH 127 or<br>MATH 128 or<br>MATH 150 | Mathematical Literacy or<br>College Algebra or<br>Contemporary Mathematics or<br>Statistics | 3 - 4        |

**Natural Sciences Competency Requirements** – Two courses are required with a minimum of 6 credits: must have at least one lab course.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title   | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Varies     | FSU General Education –<br>Natural Sciences electives<br>(Students may not take BIOL<br>207, BIOL 307, or CHEM 307.) | 6            | Varies     | Varies           | 6 - 7        |

**Culture Competency Requirements** - Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines and have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course.

| FSU Course | FSU Course Title                             | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv. | SMC Course Title                  | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|------------|--|--------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| Varies     | FSU General Education - Culture<br>Electives | 6            | Varies     | Varies                            | 6            |
| HUMN 2CG   | HUMN General Credit                          | 3            | HUMA 210   | Intro to Non-Western Civilization | 4            |

**Self and Society Competency Requirements** – Three courses are required with a minimum of 9 credits: must be from two different disciplines, have at least one at FSU 200 level or higher course, and at least one Self and Society Foundation course.

| FSU Course              | FSU Course Title   | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv.              | SMC Course Title                                     | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|-------------------------|--|--------------|
| PSYC 150                | Introduction to Psychology                                 | 3            | PSYC 101                | Introduction to Psychology                           | 3            |
| SOCY 121                | Introductory Sociology                                     | 3            | SOCI 201                | Introduction to Sociology                            | 3            |
| SOCY 225 or<br>SOCY 340 | Marriage and the Family or<br>Race and Ethnicity in the US | 3            | SOCI 203 or<br>SOCI 240 | Marriage and Family or<br>Minority Groups in America | 3            |

#### [Ferris State University General Education Program](#)

Students are encouraged to work with an advisor to select appropriate general education courses.

Diversity - Competency met by 2 courses designated as Global and U.S. Diversity is satisfied by: These courses can be met through the Culture and Self and Society Competency requirements.

## College Requirements - 81 Credits Required

### Major Courses - 35 Credits Required

| FSU Course              | FSU Course Title   | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv.    | SMC Course Title | SMC Cr. Hrs.  |
|-------------------------|--|--------------|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| CRIM 305                | Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice                         | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 310                | Corrections & Society                                      | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 311                | Police & Society   | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 321 or<br>CRIM 322 | Police Report Writing or<br>Report Writing for Corrections | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 340                | Criminal Behavior  | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 385                | Current Issues in Criminal Justice                         | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 391                | Criminal Justice Internship                                | 4            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 411                | Crime Control Policy                                       | 3            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 425                | Michigan Criminal Law                                      | 4            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 430                | Michigan Criminal Procedure                                | 4            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |
| CRIM 499                | Criminal Justice Assessment<br>Course                      | 2            | No Equivalent | No Equivalent    | No Equivalent |

### Related Requirements – 23 Credits Required

| FSU Course                                | FSU Course Title  | FSU Cr. Hrs. | SMC Equiv.                               | SMC Course Title  | SMC Cr. Hrs. |
|---|---|--------------|--|---|--------------|
| BUSN 122 or<br>ACCT 201 or<br>BLAW 221    | Introduction to Business or<br>Principles of Financial Accounting<br>or Elementary Business Law     | 3            | No Equivalent<br>ACCO 201 or<br>BUSI 207 | No Equivalent or<br>Principles of Accounting 1 or<br>Business Law 1 | 4 or<br>3    |
| CRIM 110                                  | Intro to Criminal Justice   | 3            | CRIM 110                                 | Introduction to Criminal Justice                                    | 3            |
| CRIM 111 or<br>CRIM 112<br>or<br>CRIM 113 | Intro to Corrections or<br>Introduction to US Legal System<br>or<br>Introduction to Law Enforcement | 3            | CRIM 111                                 | Introduction to Corrections   | 3            |
| CRIM 220                                  | Supervision & Management in<br>Criminal Justice   | 3            | CRIM 220                                 | Supervision & Management in<br>Criminal Justice                     | 3            |
| CRIM 260                                  | Delinquency Prevention & Control  | 3            | CRIM 260                                 | Delinquency Prevention &<br>Control                                 | 3            |
| ISYS 105                                  | Introduction to Micro Systems &<br>Software   | 3            | ISYS 110 or<br>ISYS 185                  | Computers in Business or<br>Integrated Applications                 | 3            |
| Electives                                 | Electives – 100 Level or Higher   | 5            | Varies                                   | Varies  | 5            |

### Electives – 23 Credits Required

|           |  |    |           |  |    |
|-----------|--|----|-----------|--|----|
| Electives | Electives to bring total hours to<br>120 | 23 | Electives | Electives to bring total hours to<br>120 | 23 |
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| <b>Total Credits Required for Degree</b> | <b>120 - 121</b> |
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### Program Delivery Locations and Contact Information:

#### Main Campus, Big Rapids

#### College of Business

(800) 433-7747 Ext. 5361 | (231) 591-2420 | [School of Criminal Justice Email](#) | [School of Criminal Justice Website](#)

#### Ferris Statewide, Dowagiac

(269) 782-1214 | (800) 456-8675 | [Ferris Statewide Website](#)

#### [Transfer Partnerships Website](#)

Select courses may be delivered online and/or in a mixed delivery format (i.e. a mix of online and face-to-face instruction at the Ferris Main Campus or at an off-campus location).

### General Admission Criteria

#### Transfer Students – Main Campus, Big Rapids

- Combined college or university GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale) from all institutions attended. GPA based on completion of 12 credit hours or more. You will be required to submit the following documents:
- Official college transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended
- Official high school transcript or GED
- ACT/SAT scores will also be required if you have not completed college-level English and algebra.

#### Degree Completion at the Community College through Ferris Statewide or Online program

- Minimum 48 transferable credit hours ("C" or better on 4.0 scale) from an accredited college or university.

## Advising Notes

It is recommended that potential applicants meet with an advisor to review the degree, course schedule, and have any questions answered prior to completing an application. Students who are completing the MTA may have different general education course requirements for the particular degree selected. Meeting with a Ferris advisor prior to the selection of general education or elective course work may reduce the chance of completing a course that will not apply toward the selected degree. Once admitted, students must continue to meet with an advisor as they work toward graduation.

## Reverse Transfer Agreement

Southwestern Michigan College and Ferris have entered into a partnership in order to work collaboratively and creatively to increase student completion of associate and bachelor degrees. The partners work together to provide a seamless transfer experience and increase student retention and completion at both Southwestern Michigan College and Ferris.

## Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA)

Ferris participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA). This agreement will facilitate the transfer of general education requirements from one Michigan institution to another. Students may complete the MTA as part of a degree program or as a stand-alone package. The MTA consists of a minimum of 30 general education credit hours as identified by the college or university.

Students transferring to Ferris with the Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and entering a degree program will have met a 30-hour block of lower-level general education courses. However, this does not exempt students from completing program specific prerequisites or higher-level general education course requirements. Students should contact their advisor regarding classes that meet the MTA.

Students must work with their Ferris advisor to declare a Minor or Concentration and for selection of Directed Electives.

## Original Signed Articulation Agreement

The original, signed document is kept on file in the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships. To obtain a copy of the original, signed document, contact the Office of Transfer and Secondary School Partnerships at (231) 591-5983 or email your request to [otssp@ferris.edu](mailto:otssp@ferris.edu).

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall be deemed to be one and the same agreement. A signed copy of this Agreement delivered by facsimile, e-mail, or other means of electronic transmission shall be deemed to have the same legal effect as delivery of an original signed copy of this Agreement.

## Articulation Agreement

**Effective Dates: October 15, 2020 – October 15, 2023**

This Agreement shall commence as of October 15, 2020 and shall be for an initial term of three years. Minor updates to the agreement may be made during this time. This agreement may be renewed at the end of three years. Either party may terminate this agreement by providing the other party with written notice of the intent to terminate the agreement. The agreement shall terminate not less than one hundred eighty (180) days from the date of the termination notice, unless otherwise agreed in writing by both parties.

## Signatures

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