

Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway AS - 60 credits

(Fall 2025)

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Program Description

The Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway AS offers students a powerful option: the opportunity to complete an Associate of Science degree with course credits that directly transfer to designated Criminal Justice bachelor's degree programs at Minnesota State universities. The curriculum has been specifically designed so that students completing this pathway degree and transferring to one of the seven Minnesota State universities enter the university with junior-year status. All courses in the Transfer Pathway associate degree will directly transfer and apply to the designated bachelor's degree programs in a related field.

Universities within the Minnesota State system include Bemidji State University; Metropolitan State University; Minnesota State University, Mankato; Minnesota State University, Moorhead; Southwest State University; St. Cloud State University; and Winona State University.

Pre-program Requirements

To begin this program, you need to be at a specific skill level in English/reading and math.

English/Reading:

- Eligible for ENGL 1106 - College Composition I, or
- Completion of ENGL/READ 0950/0955 (or equivalent or higher). ENGL/READ 0950/0955 may not be taken concurrently with Semester I coursework.

Mathematics:

A college level math course is required for graduation. Students must satisfy course pre-requisites for college level math courses, which may require more than one semester of additional math. Connect with your advisor for assistance with course placement.

There are other ways to qualify. Visit [Course Placement](http://lsc.edu/course-placement) (lsc.edu/course-placement) to find out more.

Required Courses

Course	Course Title	Credits	MnTC Goal Area	Term
FYE 1000	First Year Experience	1		
SOC 1111	Intro to Sociology	3	5, 7A	
SOC 1114	Criminal Justice in Society	3	5, 9	
SOC 1125 or SOC 1165 or SOC 1185	Social Deviance or Patterns of Domestic Violence or Gender, Power and Society	3	5, 8 5, 9 5, 7A	
SOC 1130	Juvenile Delinquency	3	5, 9	
		3		
SOC 1170	Drugs and Society		5, 8	
SOC 2127	Race, Power, and Justice	3	7B	
SOC 2123 or Goal Area 10 course	People and the Environment	3	5, 10	
COMM 1100 or COMM 1105	Intro to Communication or Interpersonal Communication	3	1	
ENGL 1106	College Composition I	3	1	
ENGL 1109	College Composition II	3	1	
HPER	HPER course(s)	2		
MATH 2210	General Statistics	3	4	
PHIL 1130	Ethics	3	6, 9	
PSYC 1120	General Psychology	3	5	
	Goal Area 3: Natural Science	6	3	
	Goal 6: Humanities & Fine Arts	6	6	
	Unrestricted Electives	6		

Total Credits

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Courses may require a prerequisite



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For interpretation of test results and selection of appropriate coursework; or general information about the program, admissions, financial aid, and getting started at LSC, contact the [professional advising team](mailto:advising@lsc.edu) (advising@lsc.edu) or 218-733-7601

Program Outcomes

1. Analyze the structure and function of the criminal justice system using methods of sociological inquiry.
2. Assess the impact of politics and social change on the criminal justice system
3. Review the roles of the three components of the criminal justice system: police, courts, and corrections.
4. Evaluate the impact of social power, norms, and biases in determining how criminal laws are made and enforced.
5. Devise approaches to resolve criminal and social justice issues.

A student completing Lake Superior College's Minnesota State Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway and transferring into a designated bachelor's program in Criminal Justice at a Minnesota State university will have junior standing and may complete the bachelor's degree within an additional 60 credits. You will be able to transfer to the following designated majors at Minnesota State universities:

At Bemidji State University:	Criminal Justice – Law Enforcement Emphasis
At Metropolitan State University:	Criminal Justice, BA
At Minnesota State, Mankato:	Criminal Justice, BS
At Minnesota State, Moorhead:	Criminal Justice, BA
At Southwest Minnesota State	N/A
At St. Cloud State University:	Criminal Justice, BA
At Winona State University:	N/A

In order to graduate and be guaranteed admission to a Minnesota State university's designated program you must earn an overall grade point average as indicated by the university to which you will transfer.

For more information about the Criminal Justice Transfer Pathway including course descriptions, course prerequisites, and potential career opportunities, see the [program website](https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/criminal-justice-transfer-pathway-as/) (https://www.lsc.edu/degrees/criminal-justice-transfer-pathway-as/)

or

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Suggested course sequence for a full-time student averaging 15 credits per semester

First Semester:	Credits
FYE 1000 First Year Experience	1
ENGL 1106 College Composition I	3
HPER course(s)	2
SOC 1111 Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 1114 Criminal Justice in Society	3
Goal Area 3 Course	3

Second Semester	Credits
SOC 1130 Juvenile Delinquency	3
SOC 1170 Drugs and Society	3
ENGL 1109 College Composition II	3
COMM 1100 Introduction to Communication or COMM 1105 Interpersonal Communication	3
Goal Area 6 Course	3

Third Semester	Credits
SOC 1125 Social Deviance or SOC 1165 Patterns of Domestic Violence or SOC 1185 Gender, Power, and Society	3
MATH 2210 General Statistics	3
PHIL 1130 Ethics	3
Goal Area 3 Course	3
Unrestricted Elective	3

Fourth Semester	Credits
SOC 2127 Race, Power, and Justice	3
SOC 2123 People and the Environment or other Goal Area 10 course	3
PSYC 1200 General Psychology	3
Goal Area 6 Course	3
Unrestricted Elective	3
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Below is a list of suggested unrestricted electives

Course	Course Title	Credits	MnTC Goal Area
ANTH 1110	Cultural Anthropology	3	5,8
PSYC 1135	Lifespan Development	3	5,7A
PSYC 1140	Abnormal Psychology	3	5
SPAN 1010	Beginning Spanish I	3	8