Liberal Arts

Criminal Justice Transfer

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Delivery Methods
Face-to-Face: Wahpeton
Online: Some Classes
Combination
Fargo: IVN and Face-to-Face

This transfer curriculum plan is available to the student whose goal is a career in the justice system. This plan is for the student who wishes to complete the Associate in Arts degree at NDSCS, transfer directly to a four-year college or university to complete the bachelor’s degree in criminal justice, and then complete the one semester Peace Officer Training (or other specific academy for their chosen area of criminal justice). The Criminal Justice transfer curriculum plan at NDSCS includes the freshman and sophomore core courses in English and humanities, math, physical sciences, social and behavioral sciences, humanities, and physical education. All colleges and universities require these core courses for students seeking a bachelor’s degree. An Associate in Arts degree is awarded upon completion of the program.

Individuals interested in criminal justice have several career options available to them. Among the many options are: police, detectives, county and state patrol officers, parole, probation and corrections officers. Also, many jobs are available in the federal government such as: FBI, U.S. Marshals Service, ATF, Secret Service, and DEA.

The Criminal Justice transfer curriculum plan meets the Liberal Arts Program Purposes listed in the NDSCS Catalog.

NOTE: For those students interested in becoming license eligible as peace officers in the State of N.D., a collaboration agreement has been made between NDSCS and Lake Region State College (LRSC). LRSC offers Peace Officer Training (20 credits; NDSCS graduates take 17 of those credits) in Devils Lake, Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo. Upon completion of Peace Officer Training, the student would be license eligible as a peace officer in the State of N.D. and may choose to continue their education towards a bachelor’s degree at a four-year college.

Admission Requirements
The applicants must be high school graduates or equivalent. Applicants may be required to complete a basic skills evaluation during the admission process.

Award
Upon successful completion of the required courses, students will be awarded an Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts.

Course Code | Course Title                                      | Credits |
------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
COMM 110   | Fundamentals of Public Speaking                  | 3       |
ENG 110    | College Composition I                            | 3       |
ENG 120    | College Composition II                           | 3       |
HIST 103   | United States History I                          | 3       |
and HIST 104 | United States History Since 1877               | 3       |
or HIST 101 | Western Civilization I                           |         |
and HIST 102 | Western Civilization II                          |         |
Wellness Elective(s)                                    | 2       |
PHIL 210   | Ethics                                           | 3       |
Math, Science and Computer Information Systems Electives | 13      |
From any course marked ND:LABSC, ND:MATH, ND:COMPSC, ND:SCI
All students must complete one lab science course, one mathematics course and one computer science course.
Required:
BIOL 115   | Concepts of Anatomy and Physiology (3)          |         |
BIOL 115L  | Concepts of Anatomy and Physiology Lab (1)       |         |
CIS 101    | Computer Literacy (2)                            |         |
or CSCI 116 | Business Use of Computers (3)                   |         |
MATH 210   | Elementary Statistics (3)                       |         |
Social and Behavioral Science Electives*                | 31      |
From any course with CJ, POLS, PSYC or SOC prefixes within the category marked ND:SS
Required:
CJ 160     | The Legal System (4)                             |         |
CJ 201     | Introduction to Criminal Justice (3)             |         |
CJ 232     | Administration of Justice (3)                   |         |
CJ 297     | Internship (1-4)                                 |         |
POLS 115   | American Government (3)                          |         |
POLS 116   | State and Local Government (3)                  |         |
PSYC 111   | Introduction to Psychology (3)                   |         |
SOC 110    | Introduction to Sociology (3)                   |         |
SOC 115    | Social Problems (3)                              |         |
FYE 101    | Science of Success                              | 1       |

Total Required Credits 65

Consult academic advisor in selecting electives that are most appropriate for the intended baccalaureate program.

* Suggested Electives:
POLS 103   | Global Politics in a Multi-Cultural World (3)    |         |
PSYC 103   | Addictions and Alternatives (2)                  |         |
PSYC 270   | Abnormal Psychology (3)                          |         |
SOC 220    | Family (3)                                       |         |
SOC 221    | Minority Relations (3)                           |         |

This curriculum meets the North Dakota University System general education requirements as indicated in the NDSCS Catalog under the heading: NDUS General Education Transfer Agreement.

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