

## McHenry County College Transfer Guide for North Park University School of Professional Studies Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

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### Program Description

Students majoring in Criminal Justice will examine causes, prevention, and control of crimes, as well as the foundational theories and policies relevant to structures and operations of the criminal justice system. Students will develop a comprehensive understanding of criminology, research methods, management, ethics, criminal law and procedure, corrections, and juvenile and restorative justice. Students will have the opportunity to apply theory to real life situations in a variety of work settings during the practicum experience.

### Program Highlights

Accelerated format	Earn 4-8 semester hours every seven weeks
Class format	Seven-week courses meet face-to-face (once/week) or online. <b>CJ major courses are only available in the classroom.</b>
BA degree	Flexible BA general education requirements allow for maximum transfer credit
Prior learning assessment	Up to 20 credits can be earned through Prior Learning Assessment; PLA Coordinator will assist student to determine credit possible; can include corporate/ occupational training and learning gained from work experience
Financial aid	Student loans, Federal Pell Grants, and Illinois MAP Grant benefits; some scholarships available
Books & Materials	Can be ordered online
Intended audience	Working students who need to complete a bachelor's degree while continuing to work

### Admission Requirements

- 12 hours of transferable college-level coursework with a 2.00/4.00 cumulative GPA
- North Park will accept in transfer up to 90 semester hours from two-year and four-year institutions
- Completion of IAI general education core fulfills most BA core requirements

### Application Procedure

- Complete online application; no application fee
- Submit official transcripts from all previous college work

### Graduation Requirements

- Completion of major coursework (36-40 SH, in transfer and/or at North Park)
- Completion of core general education requirements (in transfer and/or at North Park)
- Minimum graduation requirement of 120 semester hours; minimum residency requirement of 32 semester hours earned at NPU
- A "C" average (2.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale) for all work taken at NPU
- A "C" average within the major

The following are the North Park University requirements/courses and their McHenry County College equivalents. The Associate in Arts or the Associate in Science from McHenry County College will fulfill the University Core Curriculum requirements required for general graduation purposes at North Park University. The following North Park requirements are not fulfilled by the AA or AS degrees:

- Foundation Seminar
- Writing Intensive (fulfilled in major)
- Biblical Studies
- Christian Life & Thought (MCC: PHI 240 or 261 or 262)

*This transfer guide is designed to assist students with their academic planning. Every effort is made to maintain accurate information; however, this information is subject to frequent change. In some cases, only a sampling of courses has been included. Courses within each general education category designated "IAI" will transfer to North Park's School of Professional Studies. Students should contact Leslie Bertholdt to keep informed of changes, as final responsibility for verifying information rests with the student.*

**Transfer Guide  
Bachelor of Arts — General Education Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	MCC College Equivalent Course Option(s)
Foundation Seminar	4	Transfer equivalents must be approved by School of Adult Learning faculty/staff
Writing Intensive Course	4	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Written Communication category [fulfilled in Criminal Justice major coursework]
Research Writing	4	NA
Analytical Reasoning	4	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Math category
Biblical Studies	4	NA
Christian Life & Thought	4	PHI 240, or 261, or 262
Human Society	8	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Social/Behavioral Science or Humanities Categories [partially fulfilled in Criminal Justice major coursework]
Health & Well-Being	2	Coursework in personal health, personal development, psychological wellness and development
Art & Aesthetic Interpretation	2	Coursework equivalent to IAI Common Core Fine Arts category
Ethical Reasoning	2	Coursework in any disciplinary approach to ethics (philosophy, business, religion) [fulfilled in Criminal Justice major coursework]
Intercultural & Global Competence	8	Coursework in Global (non-US) history, foreign language, intercultural communication, global, international, or comparative studies, international politics, business, or economics
Natural Sciences	4	Minimum of 4 sh in life and/or physical science with lab component (Note: May be met by a single 4 sh class in physical or life science)

**Transfer Guide  
Criminal Justice—Major Requirements**

North Park Requirements	Credits	MCC Equivalent Course Option(s)
CJ 3000: Introduction to Criminal Justice	4	CJS 101
CJ 3100: Research Methods in Criminal Justice	4	NA
CJ 3200: Correctional Services	4	CJS 106 & 206
CJ 3300: Juvenile Justice System	4	CJS 120
CJ 3400: Criminal Procedure	2	CJS 275
CJ 3500: Criminal Law	2	CJS 115
CJ 4000: Law Enforcement Administration	2	CJS 225
CJ 4100: Urban Communities and Crime	4	NA
CJ 4200: Restorative Justice	2	NA
CJ 4300: Professional Issues, Ethics, and Diversity	4	NA
CJ 4400: Practicum in Criminal Justice	4	NA
Total	36 SH	NOTE: At least 50% of major coursework must be completed at North Park University.