

University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Distance Education

Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement

Between

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program

University of Wisconsin-Platteville

And

The Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute

Fox Valley Technical College

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville Master of Science in Criminal Justice is a comprehensive, highly interactive, web-based degree program that is designed for criminal justice and social service professionals who wish to continue graduate education or who need additional knowledge and skills to advance to high-level positions in their profession. It is also designed for those seeking an advanced degree as a prerequisite for entry into the criminal justice field.

The Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree is earned upon the successful completion of 30 graduate credits (15 credits of core requirements, to include a written capstone research paper, and 15 credits of elective courses).

To be admitted to the degree program, applicants must have earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, criminology, or a related field from a nationally or regionally accredited institution recognized by the Council of Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). If the degree is in an unrelated field, applicants must have a minimum of three years of occupational experience in the field of criminal justice.

The Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute (EDI) is a leadership development program designed to address the professional growth needs of law enforcement personnel pursuing a career as a management executive in criminal justice agencies. The core competencies of the program include thinking, strategic management, leadership, interpersonal communication, motivation, self-management, and the breadth and depth of criminal justice management issues.

The institute is offered in a series of eight, one-week sessions (16 credits) that are spread out over 12 months. This program allows students to participate in a professional growth program and apply learned concepts as they attend to the day-to-day needs of the agencies.

To be admitted to EDI, applicants must be employees of criminal justice agencies with the following rank: county sheriff; police chief; police captain; deputy chief or police lieutenant. Police sergeants from large agencies and civilian employees who have a broad management responsibility are also viable applicants. The sponsoring agency is required to show proof of the student's personal and professional development.

The Articulation Agreement

Currently, the UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program offers an emphasis in Criminal Justice Management. The criminal justice emphasis will consist of 15 elective credits, 9 credits from UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program and 6 credits from Fox Valley Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute (EDI).

EDI instruction consists of the following courses:

504-160 Management Principles and Leadership (2 credits)

This course will introduce students to basic management principles and leadership skills. Areas covered will include visionary leadership, basic principles of a collaborative workplace, effective management techniques, managing change and communication.

504-161 Professional Growth and Development (2 credits)

This course covers the importance of personal and professional growth and development of managers and the people they lead. Areas included are managing by priority, the Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, team leadership and team building, and personal and professional ethics.

504-162 Managing and Planning Process (2 credits)

This course will cover strategic planning for law enforcement agencies, team building, project management, and effective research and business writing techniques.

504-163 Human Resource Development (2 credits)

This course will cover legal issues in the employee selection process, employee disciplinary process procedures, discipline in policing, safeguarding management's rights, and management's role in the labor relation process.

504-164 Resource Allocation and Budgeting (2 credits)

This course covers general and specific budgeting principles, as well as strategic and operational planning related to law enforcement.

504-165 Management of Operations (2 credits)

This course will cover organizational structures of local, state and national law enforcement agencies as well as the operational management of each entity.

504-166 Building Community Support (2 credits)

This course will cover managing community/problem-oriented policing and will focus on comprehensive strategies in juvenile operations and community policing. In addition, media relations and the power of external influence, politics and the law enforcement administrator will be covered.

504-167 The Future of Law Enforcement (2 credits)

This course will cover technology and futuristics including the Internet in law enforcement. This course will highlight the 21st Century Policing Project.

Transfer Credits

UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program will accept up to 6 credits from EDI students who enroll in the UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program. In order for EDI students to receive graduate credits from UWP, they must: (1) meet all admission requirements of the UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program, (2) complete the 16 credits of EDI Program with a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and (3) successfully complete the core curriculum (15 credits) and electives (9 credits) of the UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program. UWP will not award any graduate credit for EDI courses that do not satisfy the terms of this agreement. In addition, EDI credits must be transferred as a block and will not transfer individually.

Program Responsibilities

UWP Master of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program and Fox Valley Criminal Justice Executive Development Institute (EDI) will provide sufficient resources to further this agreement, including developing courses, advising and mentoring students, supervising student research, and otherwise enhancing student growth and development consistent with the terms of this agreement. EDI will take the lead in marketing this effort with UWP's assistance and cooperation. Specifically, EDI will publicize this effort in national mailings and will distribute marketing materials at professional conferences.

UWP Administration will enter this agreement into the University of Wisconsin Transfer Information System.

This agreement will take effect on August 01, 2004 and will continue so long as both parties determine that the relationship satisfies their mutual interests. Major changes to the structure and coursework of the program must be reported to the parties.