

SMCC AA Liberal Studies to USM BA Criminology

The following Transfer Map highlights the Pathway that leads a student from an Associates in Liberal Studies at SMCC to a Bachelors of Arts in Criminology at USM. The information is pulled from the Maine System’s transfer tool and the 2023-2024 academic course catalogs at SMCC and USM. The map will be updated each academic year if any changes are made to the course equivalencies listed here. Students following this map should monitor for updates.

The key directions:

- SMCC students should follow their Liberal Studies degree audit sheet.
- Every course on the audit sheet that is completed with a C- or better earns the same number of credits at USM—the equivalent USM courses and credits will later appear on your USM transcript.
- The SMCC Liberal Studies degree has 62 credits. Another 58 credits will be required at USM to earn the USM Criminology degree. The 58 USM credits will be a combination of Criminology major requirements and general electives.
- An SMCC student can begin satisfying USM Criminology requirements by taking the Criminology classes identified in **STEP 2** below as electives within the SMCC Liberal Studies major.
- An SMCC Liberal Studies degree waives the student’s academic Core requirements at USM.

STEP 1–The SMCC Coursework

Course at SMCC	SMCC Code	Course at USM	USM Code	Credits
English Composition	ENGL 100	College Writing	ENG 100	3
Introduction to Literature	ENGL 115	Reading Literature	ENG 140	3
Student Success	FIGS 100	General Elective	GEL 1XX	1
Math Elective		Every class and credit on the Liberal Studies audit sheet will transfer to USM as a USM class and credit—either as a required class for the Criminology major or as a general elective that helps to achieve the required 120 credits total. These will be posted after acceptance at USM.		3
Science Elective				4
Art or Music Elective				3
Psychology/Sociology Elective				3
Economics/Political Science Elective				3
Humanities Elective				3
English Communications Elective				3
Diversity Elective				3
Ethical Reasoning Elective				3
Fine Arts or Humanities Elective				3
History Elective				3
Liberal Studies Electives				12
Free Electives				9
A student following this sequence would earn an Associates in Arts in Liberal Studies from SMCC and would have 62 transferable credits to USM.				62

STEP 2–The USM Coursework

The following chart details the Criminology and General Elective requirements that would remain at USM for a student who has completed an SMCC Liberal Studies degree.

USM CLASS	Credits	SMCC CLASS	Credits
REQUIRED CLASSES			
CRM 100 - Intro to Criminology	3	CJUS 115-Intro to Criminology	3
CRM 216 - White-Collar Crime Credits	3		
CRM 220 - Research Methods in Criminology	3		
CRM 225 - Crimes Against the Environment	3		
CRM 310 - Classical Theories of Social Order	3		
CRM 317 - Gender and Crime Credits	3		
CRM 365 - Race and Punishment Credits	3		
CRM 402 - Senior Seminar Credits	3		
ELECTIVE COURSES: 12 CREDITS			
CRM 217 - Crime in Maine	3		
CRM 227 - Policing Society	3		
CRM 230 - Intro to the Criminal Justice System	3		
CRM 320 - Film and Social Order	3		
CRM 330 - Crime and Social Control	3		
CRM 325 - Domestic Violence	3		
CRM 340 - Criminal Law	3		
CRM 345 - Criminology in Sweden	3		
CRM 350 - Topics in Criminology	3		
CRM 375 - Media, Crime, and Criminality	3		
CRM 380 - Restorative Justice	3		
CRM 390 - Independent Projects	1-15		
CRM 395 - Internship	3-6		
CRM 370 - Prison and Police Abolition	3		
Total Criminology Credits Required by USM	36	USM Criminology Credits Possible at SMCC	3
Criminology Credits to be Earned at USM			33-36
General Elective Credits to be Earned at USM			35-32
Total Credits Required for the USM Criminology Degree			120

A student that completes at least 30 credits at SMCC, but did not earn an SMCC degree, may do a **Reverse Transfer** by sending credits earned at USM “back” to SMCC.