## Be the change. Make an impact.

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Whether you get your local news from the TV, newspaper or online, you see what goes on in your community. Just one daily dose of news will conjure up emotions ranging through sadness, anger, joy and pride. There is a group of individuals who have the chance to positively impact these news stories – the men and women who dedicate their lives to a career in criminal justice.

If you are looking for a way to make a difference, to really matter, criminal justice may be the career for you. Ferris State University offers a program in partnership with Lansing Community College that prepares students for successful careers in criminal justice. Ferris classes are taken right here on the LCC campus.

Chelsea Feeback, a Ferris student, has loved every minute of her Ferris experience. "The Ferris [off-campus] program is structured in a way that fits my lifestyle and has made it easy for me to complete so I can graduate in December. I interned at a county agency and, in turn, received a job at a local community

correctional facility. I know I will go places with the degree I earned at FSU. "

One of the great things about the criminal justice program being offered at LCC is the price break our students receive. As a student in the program, you will graduate with a bachelor's degree from Ferris State University; but because of the combination of community college and public university coursework, your degree will be an affordable reality. There are also scholarships and financial aid options available for

students who apply and qualify.

The criminal justice program offered in Lansing puts students on the criminal justice generalist track. This means students receive a well-rounded foundational degree that prepares them for a criminal justice career in the areas of federal, state and local corrections, as well as law enforcement agencies. When asked about the program, an adjunct faculty member and program advisor, Mike

McCaw, stressed the phenomenal instructors and method of teaching the criminal justice program boasts.

"The criminal justice professors and instructors at Ferris bring to the classroom a very high level, practical and varied degree of training, education and experience. Ferris CJ professors and instructors include a wide range of people who have worked for years as criminal justice professionals in corrections, courts and law enforcement agencies. The real and practical experience gained by

these CJ professionals is critical in the education of Ferris CJ students."

At Ferris, you have the option of completing the Criminal Justice Administration Master's program in Howell, Grand Rapids or Big Rapids after your bachelor's is complete. Eric Speese, a Sergeant for the Allegan County Sheriff's Office

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is doing just that. "After I receive my master's degree, I plan on teaching part-time while I continue my career in law enforcement. I feel

Are you ready to be the change? Are you ready to take a step toward your future? that the [Ferris] master's degree will help me serve the citizens of Allegan County in a positive way and that the degree will help me with promotional opportunities in the future. The master's program is set up to work well for people who have full-time careers. The professors are knowledgeable in all facets of the criminal justice field and

are all willing to help their students."

Are you ready to be the change? Are you ready to take a step toward your future? If you have your associate degree or at least 48 transferable credits, apply now at ferris.edu/ statewide. The application is online and free. If you aren't quite there yet, meet with a Ferris criminal justice advisor, and together you will map out a plan that starts with classes at Lansing Community College.

Throughout its 40 years of existence, the criminal justice program at Ferris has benefited all aspects and all levels of the criminal justice system by graduating outstanding students who serve their communities with distinction. McCaw insists, "Students should consider Ferris if they are committed to earning a degree which prepares them to be a highly trained and educated criminal justice professional."

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criminal justice agency employment or admission to law school or graduate school.

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The Criminal Justice program combines training and

career in the criminal justice system in Michigan and

experiential learning and give students a balance of

practical and theoretical learning they can apply in work

situations. Students will receive a general education in criminal justice with the flexibility of selecting courses to

focus on specific technical skills. This generalist option prepares graduates to seek federal, state and/or local

education to prepare men and women for a professional

throughout the country. Class work is designed to enhance

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