

## **Early Entry to Duncan School of Law Criminal Justice (BS)**

The following guidelines shall govern the Early Entry Program to LMU Duncan School of Law for students pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

**Overview:** The Early Entry Program to LMU Duncan School of Law allows undergraduate students at Lincoln Memorial University to apply, be accepted to, and begin pursuing a JD at LMU Duncan School of Law (DSOL) prior to graduating with a Bachelor's Degree. Students admitted to DSOL under this program will be allowed to apply up to thirty (30) credit hours of LAW coursework to complete their elective and upper-division elective requirements of the Bachelor of Science Degree.

**Requirements of the Criminal Justice Early Entry Program:** Students pursuing the Early Entry Program in Criminal Justice must meet the following criteria prior to being considered for acceptance to DSOL:

- A. Student shall have successfully completed 92 credit hours of undergraduate coursework.
- B. Student shall have successfully completed all requirements of the Lincoln Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (General Education requirements) as outlined in the catalog used for student's advisement (year of entry).
- C. Student shall have successfully completed all requirements of the Criminal Justice major as outlined in the catalog used for student's advisement.

**Admission to Duncan School of Law:** Students pursuing the Early Entry Program are **not** guaranteed acceptance to DSOL. All students must take the Law School Admission Test (LSAT), apply to DSOL and meet all other admissions requirements except the completion of a Bachelor's Degree.

**Completion of Bachelor's Degree:** Upon acceptance to DSOL, the first thirty (30) credit hours of coursework shall, in addition to meeting any applicable requirements for the JD, be applied to the Elective and Upper-Division Elective requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree. Upon successful completion of thirty (30) hours of LAW coursework, student may apply for graduation and receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

**Early Entry Program Three-Year Plan:** The Three-Year Plan for the Early Entry Program is a recommended plan of study for students entering LMU as first-time freshmen. It may require alteration based on students already having accumulated transfer and/or dual enrollment credit, or for students entering LMU with an Associate Degree. The requirements listed above continue to govern all such students.