

**MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
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ABSTRACT
THE HISTORY OF
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In 1935, Michigan State Agriculture College established the first Bachelor's Degree Program in Police Administration in the United States.

This is a historical explanation of national, state, and local events underlying the establishment of the program. The developing program was examined from 1935 to 1963, at which time the School of Police Administration and Public Safety had developed a programmatic foundation suggestive of the current title--School of Criminal Justice.

It was concluded that the Police Administration Course was promoted by Michigan Police leaders familiar with national issues surrounding police education, able and willing to forge the political, institutional, and personal relationships for such a pioneering endeavor.

The "Land Grant Philosophy" developed by the Michigan State Agriculture College influenced the 1935 decision to establish the program.

Recommendations for future relationships between university education and criminal justice agencies are based on this unique philosophy.