

Criminal Justice

The Criminal Justice Department offers an Associate of Science degree to prepare students for transfer to a four-year university as a criminal justice major and adheres to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Field of Study Curriculum for Criminal Justice. Additionally, the department offers an Associate of Applied Science degree to prepare students for employment within the criminal justice system such as corrections, and the coursework includes elements of juvenile procedures, probation and parole, institutional and community based corrections, criminal law, police systems, court systems, criminal procedure, and criminal investigation.

Subject to Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's approval.

Suggested Course of Study for University Transfer Students (65 Credit Hours)

Freshman Year	Sophomore Year
ENGL 1301	GOVT 2305
ENGL 1302	GOVT 2306
HIST 1301	MATH 1314 or MATH 1350
HIST 1302	Visual/Fine Arts Elective
CRIJ 1301	SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1321
CRIJ 1313	PHED 1134
CRIJ 1306	PHED Activity (1 Credit Hour)
CRIJ 1310	Social Behavioral Science (3 Credit Hours)
Lab Science (8 credit hours)	COSC 1401
	Literature (3 Credit Hours)
	CRIJ 2313
	CRIJ 2328

Associate of Applied Science (64-69 Credit Hours)

First Semester	Second Semester
ENGL 1301	Visual/Fine Arts Elective (3 Credit Hours)
CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 1310
GOVT 2305	CRIJ 1306
Math 1314 or Math 1350	GOVT 2306
COSC 1401 or ITSC 1409	POFT 2312
	SPCH 1315

Third Semester	Fourth Semester
SOCI 1301 CRIJ 2313 or CRIJ 2323 CRIJ 1313 SPAN 1411 CRIJ 1307	CRIJ 2314 PSYC 2301 CRIJ 2328 CRIJ 2301 CJSA 2364

CJSA 2364	Practicum - Criminal Justice Studies Practical, general workplace training supported by an individualized learning plan developed by the employer, college, and student. Prerequisite: Consent of Instructor.	3.0.21
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice History, philosophy, and ethical considerations of criminal justice; the nature and impact of crime; and an overview of the criminal justice system, including law enforcement and court procedures.	3.3.0
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems & Practices Study of the judiciary in the American criminal justice system and the adjudication processes and procedures.	3.3.0
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America American crime problems in historical perspective, social and public policy factors affecting crime, impact and crime trends, social characteristics of specific crimes, and prevention of crime.	3.3.0
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law Study of criminal law, its philosophical and historical development, major definitions and concepts, classifications and elements of crime, penalties using Texas statutes as illustrations, and criminal responsibility.	3.3.0
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System A study of the juvenile justice process to include specialized juvenile law, role of the juvenile law, role of the juvenile courts, role of police agencies, role of correctional agencies, and theories concerning delinquency.	3.3.0
CRIJ 2301	Community Resources in Corrections An introductory study of the role of the community in corrections; community programs for adults and juveniles; administration of community programs; legal issues; future trends in community treatment.	3.3.0
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems & Practices Corrections in the criminal justice system; organization of correctional systems; correctional role; institutional operations; alternatives to institutionalization;	3.3.0

treatment and rehabilitation; current and future issues.

- CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation 3.3.0**
Investigative theory; collection and preservation of evidence; sources of information; interview and interrogation; uses of forensic sciences; case and trial preparation.
- CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement 3.3.0**
Police authority; responsibilities; constitutional constraints; laws of arrest, search, and seizure; police liability.
- CRIJ 2328 Police Systems & Practices 3.3.0**
The police profession; organization of law enforcement systems; the police role; police discretion; ethics; police-community interaction; current and future issues.