## Criminal Justice

### First Semester - 15 SCH
- COSC 1301 - Introduction to Computing
- CRIJ 1301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice
- SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology
- ENGL 1301 - Composition I
- SPCH 1321 - Business and Professional Communication

### Second Semester - 15 SCH
- CRIJ 1306 - Court Systems & Practices
- ENGL 1302 - Composition II
- HIST 1301 - United States History I
- CRIJ 1310 - Fundamentals of Criminal Law
- MATH 1342 - Elementary Statistical Methods

### Third Semester - 15 SCH
- PHYS 1303 - Stars and Galaxies
- CRIJ 2313 - Correctional Systems & Practices
- PSYC 2301 - General Psychology
- GOVT 2305 - Federal Government
- HIST 1302 - United States History II

### Fourth Semester - 15 SCH
- PHYS 1304 - Solar System
- COMM 1307 - Introduction to Mass Communications
- DRAM 1310 - Introduction to Theater
- CRIJ 2328 - Police Systems and Practices
- GOVT 2306 - Texas Government

### Marketable Skills
- **Legal Knowledge** - Comprehension of legal processes; analysis of the rights of different parties in the criminal justice system.
- **Social Responsibility** - Comprehension of moral and social responsibilities to the public; understanding the rights of victims, suspects, and offenders.
- **Writing** - Be able to write in a clear and comprehensible manner to the reader.
- **Social Skills** - Effectively use body language, verbal and non-verbal communication skills, and personal appearance to communicate and interact with others.
- **Analytical Reasoning** - Collect and evaluate data from a variety of data sources to inform the investigations, strategies, and policy decisions of criminal justice organizations in a way that will make the data usable for problem-solving.

### Program Outcomes
- Students will demonstrate proficiency in the core criminal justice areas by describing the functions and roles of each area.
- Students will be able to model professional behaviors and skills in relation to the ethics and professionalism expected within the criminal justice system.
- Students will be able to identify, analyze, compare and contrast the philosophy and function of the role of law enforcement in American society.
- Students will be able to provide a comprehensive view of criminal justice that include criminal procedures, penal laws, policy, and procedure of the system.

### Transfer Path/Requirements
A student completing the Paris Junior College curriculum is considered Core complete at Texas A&M Commerce.

### Expected Salary
- **Texas wage data**: workers on average earn $64,970; 10% of workers earn $42,970 or less; 10% of workers earn $89,120 or more.
- **US wage data**: workers on average earn $65,540; 10% of workers earn $38,420 or less; 10% of workers earn $109,040 or more.

### Career Opportunities
- **AS Minimum**: State Police; Police Officer; Sheriff Deputy; Constable; Justice of the Peace; Correctional Officer; Private Investigator; Paralegal; Security Officer; Bailiff; Police Dispatcher; Loss Prevention; Fraud Investigator; Latent Print Technician; Bail Agent; Fire Investigator; Court Administrator; School Resource Officer.
- **BS Minimum**: Federal Law Enforcement Agent; Game Warden; Probation Officer; Parole Officer; Conflict Resolution Mediator; Criminal Investigator; Crime Scene Technician; Crime Lab Analyst; Victim Advocate; Crime Reporter; Public Information Officer; Case Manager.