



# Criminal Justice

AS (60 SCH\*)

\*Semester Credit Hour

5/2024

## First Semester - 15 SCH

COSC 1301 - Introduction to Computing  
CRIJ 1301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice  
SOCJ 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.

## High School Endorsements

Public Service / Social & Behavioral Sciences

## 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.