

# Criminal Justice

(Public Safety)

The purpose of the Criminal Justice Associate program is to prepare the student, academically, for direct entry into many positions available in the Criminal Justice profession. The student may also choose to transfer to one of many colleges and universities that offer Bachelor of Applied Science or baccalaureate and graduate programs in the field of Criminal Justice.

## Criminal Justice Field of Study

Senate Bill 148 of the 75<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislature (1997) mandated Field of Study curricula. The field of study curricula, along with core curricula, are intended to facilitate transferability of courses among Texas public colleges and universities. All public four-year institutions are required to accept Coordinating Board approved field of study courses in fulfillment of lower-division requirements for bachelor's degrees in majors that correspond to the field of study.

Core Curriculum and Field of Study for Criminal Justice is designed for students seeking a bachelor's degree BA or BS.

The following set of courses is designed to apply to the bachelor's degree deemed appropriate by the awarding institution. The field of study curriculum is furthermore intended to serve as a guide for community and technical colleges in structuring a transfer curriculum in criminal justice.

Fields of study are valid only when no course substitutions are made.

Requirements: 36-48 hours academic major, 21 hours must be upper division level. The lower division degree requirements must include 15 hours of Criminal Justice courses consisting of the following:

CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems & Practices
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems & Practices

The field of study includes, in addition to the five specified courses, up to an additional six hours of transfer courses from the Academic Course Guide Manual, specified by a local agreement, or an additional six semester credit hours at the receiving institution, as long as the additional coursework does not duplicate content already covered in the other Field of Study courses.

### Core Curriculum Courses

Select courses from the Core Curriculum **Semester Credit Hours** **42**  
*Students should visit with an advisor regarding transfer to a specific college or university.*

### <sup>1</sup>Criminal Justice Field of Study **15**

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems & Practices  
CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law  
CRIJ 2313 Correction Systems and Practices  
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices

**Total Credit Hours** **60**

<sup>1</sup>Note: Up to a total of 3 additional semester credit hours of criminal justice-related lower-division course work may be transferred by local agreement OR required by the receiving institution, as long as the additional credit does not duplicate any other requirement.

## Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice (Public Safety)

### First Year

First Semester	Credit Hrs
ENGL 1301 Composition I	3
GOVT 2305 Federal Government	3
CRIJ 1301 <sup>+</sup> Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306 <sup>+</sup> Court Systems & Practices	3
STSU 0300 Student Success	0
XXXX x3xx Creative Arts Core	
Choose from ARTS 1301, DRAM 1310, MUSI 1306, or MUSI 1310	3
PHED 11xx Physical Activity Course	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Semester

CRIJ 1310 <sup>+</sup> Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System	3
ENGL 1302 Composition II	3
MATH 13xx Core Mathematics	3
Choose from MATH 1314, 1324, 1332, or 1342	
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology <b>or</b>	
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3
PHED x1xx Physical Activity Course	1
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

### Second Year

#### First Semester

SPCH 1318 Interpersonal Communication	3
GOVT 2306 Texas Government	3
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America	3
CRIJ 2313 <sup>+</sup> Correctional Systems & Practices	3
CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation	3
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

#### Second Semester

CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
CRIJ 2328 <sup>+</sup> Police Systems & Practices	3
CRIJ 2301 Community Resources in Corrections	3
XXXX xxxx Life & Physical Sciences Core	
Choose from BIOL 1408, BIOL 1409, CHEM 1411, or CHEM 1305 + 1105	4
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total Hours for Degree</b>	<b>60</b>

Comments Capstone: CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement

Technical Math courses (TECM) do not satisfy the core general education Life & Physical Science/Mathematics requirement.

<sup>+</sup> Denotes courses included in the Criminal Justice Field of Study.