

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE-CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Texas A&M University-Texarkana offers a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a Minor in Criminal Justice. Using research-based knowledge of crime, criminal justice, and society, our students have the opportunity to develop skills in analytical thinking, research, and writing that increase their value to current and future employers.

The BS-CJ degree is oriented to pre-service and in-service criminal justice employees, particularly those who wish to be promoted to supervisory and management roles, employed in state and federal agencies, or attend graduate school. Graduates of the program work at local, state, and federal agencies. Other students who commonly seek the BS-CJ are those with career interests in social service and rehabilitation organizations that are commonly adjuncts to the criminal justice system. Faculty will help students customize their degree plan based on the individual student's interests and goals. Students may specialize in interests such as law enforcement, community corrections, juvenile justice, pre-law, incarceration, management & leadership, human behavior, forensic science, social justice, or other areas.

Careers in Criminal Justice

- Police Officer
- Jail Officer
- Victim advocate
- Probation officer
- Investigator

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BS-CJ) is a 120-credit hour curriculum starting with a freshman Introduction to Criminal Justice that is integrated into your University Core curriculum then continuing with upper-division work beginning in your sophomore year.

Both transfer students and changes of major can transition smoothly into the "2+2" program design. Students may begin their college experience in virtually any degree program at Texas A&M University-Texarkana or at a community college before transferring to complete their 4-year degree in Criminal Justice. Full-time students with 60 hours creditable toward the degree can complete the degree in two years or less taking day, night, and web classes.

The goal of the criminal justice faculty is to enhance the value of our students as employees and citizens. We strive to increase the knowledge, skills, and abilities of current and future criminal justice employees, citizens, and leaders through an intellectually challenging curriculum examining problems of crime and justice through theory, observation, and analysis. Our students include pre-service and in-service criminal justice personnel, social service providers, and students working in the private sector. Our graduates are employed in local, state, and federal criminal justice agencies and a host of public and private organizations.

Degree Requirements

Students should refer to their DegreeWorks degree audit in their Web for Students account for more information regarding their degree requirements.

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|---|-------|
| Major Requirements | | |
| General Education Requirements (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 42 |
| CJ 300 | Criminal Justice Career Exploration | 3 |
| CJ 430 | Constitutional Issues: Rights of Accused and Convicted Offenders | 3 |
| CJ 454 | Research Techniques in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ 480 | Criminological Theories | 3 |
| CJ 485 | Seminar in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Upper Division Criminal Justice Electives | | 15 |
| Other Requirements | | |
| CJ 1301 | Introduction to Criminal Justice <small>Satisfies core curriculum</small> | 3 |
| ENG 340 | Advanced Expository Writing (EL) | 3 |
| ITED 350 | Technology and Digital Literacy | 3 |
| Upper Division Electives | | 18 |
| Upper Division or Lower Division Electives <small>to reach 120sch total</small> | | 21-24 |
| A maximum of 21 semester credit hours Criminal Justice transfer curriculum could be used to meet degree requirements | | |
| Minimum Hours for Degree | | 120 |

NOTE: A maximum of 21 semester credit hours of Criminal Justice transfer courses can be used to meet degree requirements. Excess hours will be excluded.

Note: A minimum of 54 upper division hours (300 and 400 level courses) are required for this degree. Resident credit totaling 25% of the hours is required for the degree. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required in three areas for graduation: Overall GPA, Institutional GPA, and Major GPA.

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First Year

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|--|------------------------------|
| Fall | | Semester Credit Hours |
| ENGL 1301 | Composition I <small>Minimum grade of 'C' required, Satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| Mathematics Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3 |
| HIST 1301 | United States History I <small>satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| Creative Arts Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3 |
| CJ 1301 | Introduction to Criminal Justice <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| UNIV 1100 | University Foundations | 1 |
| Fall Total Semester Credit Hours | | 16 |
| Spring | | Semester Credit Hours |
| ENGL 1302 | Composition II <small>Minimum grade of 'C' required, Satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| or ENGL 2311 | Technical Writing & Communication | |
| HIST 1302 | United States History II <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| Language, Philosophy and Culture Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3 |
| SPCH 1315 | Public Speaking <small>Satisfies Core Curriculum</small> | 3 |
| or MCOM 1307 | Introduction to Mass Communication | |
| Component Area Option B of the Core Curriculum (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3 |
| Spring Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Total First Year Semester Credit Hours | | 31 |

Second Year

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Fall | | Semester Credit Hours |
| Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3-4 |
| PSCI 2305 | U.S. Government and Politics | 3 |
| Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement | | 3 |
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| Fall Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15-16 |
| Spring | | Semester Credit Hours |
| Life and Physical Sciences Core Curriculum Requirement (http://catalog.tamut.edu/academic-information/university-core-curriculum/) | | 3-4 |
| PSCI 2306 | State and Local Government | 3 |
| Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement | | 3 |
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| Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement | | 3 |
| Spring Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15-16 |
| Total Second Year Semester Credit Hours | | 30-32 |

Third Year

| Code | Title | Hours |
|---|--|------------------------------|
| Fall | | Semester Credit Hours |
| ENG 340 | Advanced Expository Writing (EL) | 3 |
| CJ 430 | Constitutional Issues: Rights of Accused and Convicted Offenders | 3 |
| CJ 454 | Research Techniques in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Elective - Upper or Lower Division as needed to meet upper division and overall requirement | | 3 |
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| Fall Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | Semester Credit Hours |
| ITED 350 | Technology and Digital Literacy | 3 |
| CJ 480 | Criminological Theories | 3 |
| Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (300-400 level) | | 3 |
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| Spring Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Summer | | Semester Credit Hours |
| CJ 485 | Seminar in Criminal Justice | 3 |
| Summer Total Semester Credit Hours | | 3 |
| Total Third Year Semester Credit Hours | | 33 |

Fourth Year

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Fall | | Semester Credit Hours |
| CJ 400 | Internship (EL) | 3-9 |
| Criminal Justice Upper Division Elective (300-400 level) | | 3 |
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| Upper Division Elective (300-400 Elective) | | 3 |
| Upper Division Elective (300-400 Elective) | | 3 |
| Fall Total Semester Credit Hours | | 15 |
| Spring | | Semester Credit Hours |
| Criminal Justice Upper Division Elective (300-400 level) | | 3 |
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| Spring Total Semester Credit Hours | | 12 |
| Total Fourth Year Semester Credit Hours | | 27 |
| Minimum Hours for Degree | | 120 |

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