

# B.S. CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## OVERVIEW

The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice prepares students for a variety of careers, including law enforcement (local, state, and federal), probation and parole, institutional corrections, and research.

Students in the program find a supportive environment that challenges and empowers them to explore their individual interests in the wide realm of study in criminal justice. The Criminal Justice program is led by highly qualified faculty members who have both real-world experience and scholarly experience to enrich your learning.

Eligible students are encouraged to join the Omega Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national honor society for criminal justice. Students may also join the Criminal Justice Association (CJA), which is open to criminal justice and non-criminal justice members who are interested in the field and want to engage in service within the local community and region.

Our diverse inventory of upper-level classes balances the major domains of criminal justice, including law enforcement, corrections, courts, victims, offenders, and practitioners.

## Program Level Student Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- Explain concepts, major criminological theories, empirical findings, and trends in criminal justice.
- Apply legal and ethical principles to the practice of criminal justice.
- Describe the structure and functioning of institutions in criminal justice.
- Identify the racial and ethnic issues associated with the practice of criminal justice.
- Demonstrate writing skills appropriate for upper-level coursework and criminal justice occupations.

## Bachelor of Science - Criminal Justice Program Requirements

Refer to the General Education Core Requirements (<https://catalog.tamuct.edu/undergraduate-information/general-education-core-requirements/>) page for more information on the CORE REQ coursework. The Field of Study (FOS) courses are listed in the footnotes (if applicable). At least 120 credit hours are required for the degree.

| Code   | Title | Credit Hours |
|--|-------|--------------|
| <b>First Year</b>                                |       |              |
| Fall   |       |              |
| CORE REQ Communications (010)                    |       | 3            |
| CORE REQ Mathematics (020)                       |       | 3            |
| CORE REQ Life and Physical Sciences (030)        |       | 3            |
| CORE REQ Creative Arts (050)                     |       | 3            |
| Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>                  |       | 3            |
| Spring   |       |              |
| CORE REQ Language, Philosophy, and Culture (040) |       | 3            |
| CORE REQ Life and Physical Sciences (030)        |       | 3            |
| CORE REQ Social and Behavioral Sciences (080)    |       | 3            |
| Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>                  |       | 3            |

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| Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>             |  | 3          |
| <b>Second Year</b>                          |  |            |
| Fall  |  |            |
| CORE REQ Communications (010)               |  | 3          |
| CORE REQ American History (060)             |  | 3          |
| CORE REQ Government/Political Science (070) |  | 3          |
| CORE REQ Component Area Option (090)        |  | 3          |
| Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>             |  | 3          |
| Spring                                      |  |            |
| CORE REQ American History (060)             |  | 3          |
| CORE REQ Government/Political Science (070) |  | 3          |
| CORE REQ Component Area Option (090)        |  | 3          |
| Any Level Elective <sup>1</sup>             |  | 3          |
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| <b>Third Year</b>                           |  |            |
| Fall  |  |            |
| CRIJ 3303                                   | Criminal Justice System <sup>2</sup>         | 3          |
| SOSC 3300                                   | Social Science Proseminar <sup>2</sup>       | 3          |
| CRIJ 3305                                   | Criminology                                  | 3          |
| CRIJ 3314                                   | Legal Aspects                                | 3          |
| Any Level Elective                          |  | 3          |
| Spring                                      |  |            |
| CRIJ 4312                                   | Criminal Justice Ethics                      | 3          |
| CRIJ 3315                                   | Criminal Evidence                            | 3          |
| CRIJ 4315                                   | Social Science Statistics                    | 3          |
| Upper-level Social Sciences Elective        |  | 3          |
| Upper-level Criminal Justice Elective       |  | 3          |
| <b>Fourth Year</b>                          |  |            |
| Fall  |  |            |
| CRIJ 4303                                   | Race, Crime, and Justice                     | 3          |
| CRIJ 4316                                   | Methods of Criminal Justice Research         | 3          |
| Upper-level Social Science Elective         |  | 3          |
| Upper-level Criminal Justice Electives      |  | 3          |
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| Spring                                      |  |            |
| CRIJ 4395                                   | Criminal Justice Senior Seminar <sup>3</sup> | 3          |
| Upper-level Social Science Elective         |  | 3          |
| Upper-level Criminal Justice Electives      |  | 3          |
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| <b>Total Credit Hours</b>                   |  | <b>120</b> |

<sup>1</sup> Lower Level Electives, Any Level Electives, Component Area Options or Degree Requirements (DEG REQ) may consist of the FOS courses: CRIJ 1301, CRIJ 1306, CRIJ 1310, CRIJ 2313, CRIJ 2328.

<sup>2</sup> Course to be taken in the first semester.

<sup>3</sup> Course to be taken in the last semester.

Please see an advisor to discuss proper course sequencing and selection.