

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminal Justice		
Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/)		
Component Area I (Communication)		6
Component Area II (Mathematics)		3
Component Area III (Life and Physical Science)		8
Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)		3
Component Area V (Creative Arts)		3
Component Area VI (U.S. History)		6
Component Area VII (Political Science/Government)		6
Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences)		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing	3
Select one of the following:		3-4
MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
STAT/MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	
or PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
or SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	
Foreign Language ¹		14
Criminal Justice Major Core		
CRIJ 2361	Intro To The Crim Justice Sys ²	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology ³	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law ⁴	3
CRIJ 2365	Correctional Sys & Practice ⁴	3
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices ⁴	3
CRIJ 3378	Intro To Methods Of Research ⁵	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminl Justc & Social Divrsty (Must be taken after CRIJ 3378) ⁶	3
VCST 3350	Victimology ⁶	3
Criminal Justice Major Electives		
CRIJ Advanced Electives		21
General Electives		19
General Electives (Advanced)		3
Minor (not required)		
Total Hours		120-121

¹ WOLC 2311 and WOLC 2312 satisfy the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as three hours of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).

² CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science).

³ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.

⁴ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.

⁵ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.

⁶ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 4.

Notes

Forty-two semester hours of advanced coursework (3000 or 4000 level) are the absolute minimum. Minimum number of semester hours in residence: 30 semester hours of which 24 must be advanced.

Use general electives to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 Component Area II ⁵	3
CRIJ 2361 ¹		3 CRIJ 2362 ⁶	3
ENGL 1301 ²		3 ENGL 1302 ²	3
HIST 1301 ³		3 HIST 1302 ³	3
POLS 2305 ⁴		3 POLS 2306 ⁴	3
		13	15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)		4 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii)	4
CRIJ 2364 ⁷		3 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
CRIJ 2365 ⁷		3 CRIJ 2367 ⁷	3
General Electives (3000/4000)		3 WOLC 1412 ⁸	4
WOLC 1411 ⁸		4	
		17	14

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)		6 CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)	6
CRIJ 3378 ⁹		3 General Electives	3
ENGL 3330 ¹⁰		3 General Electives (3000/4000)	3
WOLC 2311 ⁸		3 WOLC 2312 ⁸	3
		15	15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ 4385 ¹¹		3 CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)	3
CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)		6 General Electives	5
General Electives		5 General Electives (3000/4000)	3
STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345		3-4 VCST 3350 ¹¹	3
		17-18	14

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- ¹ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
- ² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- ³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- ⁵ Recommend MATH 1314 or MATH 1332.
- ⁶ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.
- ⁷ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.
- ⁸ Satisfies the requirement for Component Area IV Language, Philosophy, and Culture).
- ⁹ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.

- ¹⁰ Must be taken in residence.
- ¹¹ May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 4.

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) marketable skills initiative is part of the state's **60x30TX plan** and was designed to help students articulate their skills to employers. Marketable skills are those skills valued by employers and/or graduate programs that can be applied in a variety of work or education settings and may include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skill areas.

The BA in Criminal Justice is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking.
- Written and oral communication.
- Analytical research.
- Proactive and action oriented.