

# BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Bachelor of Science, Major in Criminal Justice</b>		
Core Curriculum ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/</a> )		
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
<b>Degree Specific Requirements</b>		
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing	3
STAT/MATH 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice	3-4
or PSYC 3402	Psychological Statistics	
or SOCI 3345	Social Statistics	
Select five of the following:		15
COMS 3370	Intercultural Communication	
COMS 3371	Conflict, Negotiation & Resolution	
ECON 2300	Introduction To Economics	
PHIL 2303	Critical Thinking	
PHIL 3365	Modern Philosophy	
POLS 2306	Texas Government	
POLS 3393	Social Policy	
PSYC 1301	Introduction To Psychology	
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 3383	Psychology And The Law	
SOCI 1301	Principles Of Sociology	
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	
<b>Criminal Justice Major Core</b>		
CRIJ 2361	Intro To The Crim Justice Sys <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology <sup>2</sup>	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law <sup>2</sup>	3
CRIJ 2365	Correctional Sys & Practice <sup>3</sup>	3
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices <sup>3</sup>	3
CRIJ 3378	Intro To Methods Of Research <sup>4</sup>	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminl Justc & Social Divrsty (Must be taken after CRIJ 3378)	3
VCST 3350	Victimology	3
<b>Criminal Justice Major Electives</b>		
CJ Advanced Electives		21
General Electives		9
General Electives (Advanced)		6
<b>Minor (if required)</b>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>120-121</b>

<sup>1</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

<sup>2</sup> May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.

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<sup>3</sup> May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 2

<sup>4</sup> May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.

**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**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )		1 Component Area II ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii</a> ) <sup>4</sup>	3
CRIJ 2361 <sup>1</sup>		3 Component Area V ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav</a> )	3
CRIJ 2364 <sup>1</sup>		3 CRIJ 2362 <sup>1</sup>	3
ENGL 1301 <sup>2</sup>		3 ENGL 1302 <sup>2</sup>	3
HIST 1301 <sup>3</sup>		3 HIST 1302 <sup>3</sup>	3
		<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

**Second Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )		4 Component Area III ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiii</a> )	4
Component Area IV ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv</a> )		3 Component Area IX ( <a href="http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix">http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix</a> )	3
CRIJ 2365 <sup>5</sup>		3 CRIJ 2367 <sup>5</sup>	3
Degree Specific Courses <sup>6</sup>		3 Degree Specific Courses <sup>6</sup>	3
POLS 2305 <sup>7</sup>		3 POLS 2306 <sup>7</sup>	3
		<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>

**Third Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Degree Specific Courses <sup>6</sup>		3 CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)	6
CRIJ 3378 <sup>8</sup>		3 Degree Specific Courses <sup>6</sup>	6
CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)		6 VCST 3350 <sup>8</sup>	3
ENGL 3330		3	
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year**

<b>Fall</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>Spring</b>	<b>Hours</b>
CRIJ 4385 <sup>9</sup>		3 Advanced Electives (3000/4000)	6
CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)		6 CRIJ Electives (3000/4000)	3
General Electives		3 General Electives	6
STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345		3-4	
		<b>15-16</b>	<b>15</b>

**Total Hours: 120-121**

<sup>1</sup> May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.

<sup>2</sup> Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).

- 3 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).  
4 Recommend MATH 1314 or MATH 1332  
5 May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.  
6 Degree Specific Courses include COMS 3370, COMS 3371, ECON 2300, PHIL 2303, POLS 2306, POLS 3393, PSYC 1301, PSYC 3331, SOCI 1301, and SOCI 3324.  
7 Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government.  
8 May be completed during Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.  
9 May be completed during 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 BS 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.