

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN VICTIM STUDIES

Code	Title	Hours
Bachelor of Arts, Major in Victim Studies		
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		
MATH 3379 or PSYC 3402 or STAT 3379	Statistical Methods in Practice Psychological Statistics Statistical Methods in Practice	3-4
Foreign Language ¹		14
Victims Studies Major Core		
CRIJ 2361	Intro To The Crim Justice Sys ²	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology ³	3
CRIJ 3378	Intro To Methods Of Research ⁴	3
VCST 3350	Victimology ⁴	3
VCST 4398	Problem Analysis in Victim Studies	3
Victim Specific Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
VCST 3341	Aging, Crime and Victimization	
VCST 4338	Child Abuse And Neglect	
VCST 4383	Family Violence	
VCST 4390	Violence Against Women	
Victims Service Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
POLS 3338	Victims Rights Politics & Policy	
VCST 3351	Victim Service Delivery	
VCST 4351	Trauma and Crisis Intervention	
VCST 4370	Interviewing & Counseling	
Social Justice Courses		
Select two of the following:		6
CRIJ 3340	Gender and Crime	
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice & Social Diversity	
SOCI 3324	Social Inequality	
SOCI 3354	Age And Inequality	
Additional Electives		
Select three of the following:		9
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law	
CRIJ 3368	Understanding Sexual Offending	
CRIJ 4362	Substance Use And Abuse	
CRIJ 4373	Undergraduate Intern Criminal Justice	
COUN 3321	Intro To Helping Relationship	
PHIL 4371	Death and Dying	

POLS 3393	Social Policy	
PSYC 3331	Abnormal Psychology	
PSYC 2315	Psychology Of Adjustment	
SOCI 3341	Marriage And The Family	
General Elective		16
General Electives (Advanced)		12

Total Hours **120-121**

- ¹ WOLC 2311 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV, and WOLC 2312 satisfies three hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX.
- ² CRIJ 2361 satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science).
- ³ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.
- ⁴ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.

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 II (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii) ¹		3 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 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareav)	3
CRIJ 2361 ^{2,3}		3 CRIJ 2362 ²	3
ENGL 1301 ⁴		3 ENGL 1302 ⁴	3
HIST 1301 ⁵		3 HIST 1302 ⁵	3
	16		16

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix)		1 General Electives	3
CRIJ 3378 ⁶		3 MATH 3379, STAT 3379, or PSYC 3402	3-4
General Electives		3 POLS 2306 ⁷	3
POLS 2305 ⁷		3 VCST 3350 ⁶	3
WOLC 1411		4 WOLC 1412	4
	14		16-17

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced Electives (3000/4000)		3 Advanced Electives (3000/4000)	3
General Electives		3 General Electives	3
Victim Services Courses ⁸		3 Victim Services Courses ⁸	3
Victim Specific Courses ⁹		3 Victim Specific Courses ⁹	3
WOLC 2311 ¹⁰		3 WOLC 2312 ¹¹	3
	15		15

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced Electives (3000/4000)		6 General Electives	4
Social Justice Electives ¹²		3 Social Justice Electives ¹²	3
VCMS Additional Electives ¹³		3 VCMS Additional Electives ¹³	6
VCST 4398		3	
	15		13

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- ¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1314 recommended.
- ² May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.
- ³ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- ⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ⁶ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.
- ⁷ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
- ⁸ Victim Services Courses include POLS 3338 VCST 4351, VCST 4370.
- ⁹ Victim Specific Courses include VCST 3341, VCST 4338, VCST 4383, or VCST 4390.
- ¹⁰ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture)⁷
- ¹¹ Satisfies three hours of the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
- ¹² See, Social Justice Elective Courses in below table.
- ¹³ See, Additional VCMS Elective Courses in below table.

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CRIJ 3340	Gender and Crime	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminl Justc & Social Divrsty	3
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SOCI 3325	Gender And Inequality	3
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The BA in in Victim Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

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