# Bachelor of Arts, Major in Criminal Justice

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- Core Curriculum ([link](http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/))
- Component Area I (Communication) 6
- Component Area II (Mathematics) 1 3
- Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) 8
- Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) 2 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

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<th>ENGL 3330</th>
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Select one of the following: 3-4

- STAT 3379  Statistical Methods in Practice
- or MATH 3379  Statistical Methods in Practice
- or PSYC 3402  Psychological Statistics
- or SOCI 3345  Social Statistics

Foreign Language 2 14

## Major: Foundation

- CRIJ 2361  Intro To The Crim Justice Sys 3 3
- CRIJ 2362  Criminology 4 3
- CRIJ 2364  Fundamentals Of Criminal Law 5 3
- CRIJ 2365  Correctional Sys & Practice 5 3
- CRIJ 2367  Police Systems & Practices 5 3
- CRIJ 3378  Intro To Methods Of Research 6 3
- CRIJ 4385  Criminl Justc & Social Divrsty (Senior standing is required) 7 3
- VCST 3350  Victimology 7 3

## Major: Prescribed Electives

- CRIJ Advanced Electives 21

## Electives: General

- General Electives 16

## Electives: Advanced General

- Advanced Electives 6

## Minor: Not Required 8,9

### Total Hours

1 2

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1 Recommend MATH 1342 or MATH 1332.
2 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).
3 CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Science).
4 May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.
5 May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.
6 May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.
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Use general electives to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.

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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.