BACHELOR OF ARTS, MAJOR IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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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) [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]		3
Component Area IX (Component Area Option) [2]		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3
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	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System [3]	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology [4]	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law [5]	3
CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems and Practice [5]	3
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices [5]	3
CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research [6]	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice and Social Diversity (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		**120-121**

[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.

[7] May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 4.

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Notes

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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 (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaii)[5]	3
CRIJ 2361[1]	3	CRIJ 2362[6]	3
ENGL 1301[2]	3	ENGL 1302[2]	3
HSTY 1301[3]	3	HSTY 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
Foreign Language [8]	4	Foreign Language [8]	4
General Electives	3		
	17		**14**

Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ Advanced Electives	6	Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ 3378[9]	3	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6
ENGL 3330	3	Foreign Language [8]	3
Foreign Language [8]	3	General Electives	3
	15		**15**

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
CRIJ 4385 (Senior standing is required)[10]	3	Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ Advanced Electives	6	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
General Electives	5	General Electives	5

STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345	3-4	VCST 3350[10]	3
	17-18		**14**

Total Hours: 120-121

[1] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
[2] Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
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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.