

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)		4
Degree Specific Requirements		
ENGL 3330	Intro 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	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		120-121

¹ Recommend MATH 1342 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/search/?P=MATH%201342>) or MATH 1332 (<http://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2023-2024/search/?P=MATH%201332>).

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.

⁸ A minor is **not required** for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so additional semester credits hours may be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.

⁹ All minors can be paired with this degree program.

Notes

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Use general electives to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.

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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/#componentareaaii) 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/#componentareaaiii)		4 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiii)	4
CRIJ 2364 ⁷		3 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaav)	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

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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 1342 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 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).
- 9 May be completed either Fall or Spring semester of Year 3.
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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.