

BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES: CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONCENTRATION

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Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences: Criminal Justice Concentration

Code	Title	Hours
Requirements		
General Education Requirements (Core Curriculum/Degree Specific Requirements)		42
Major (A.A.S. degree - in-block transfer courses) ¹		36
Concentration: Criminal Justice ²		
CRIJ 2361	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System ³	3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology ²	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law ²	3
CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice and Social Diversity	3
VCST 3350	Victimology	3
Advanced CRIJ Electives (can include CATM 4360)		33
Total Hours		120

¹ A maximum of 66 semester credit hours are transferable. Additional hours may be needed to meet the total 120 SCH requirement. For more detailed information concerning General Education, Major, requirements, and transferrable courses, please visit Career and Technology Program. (<https://catalog.shsu.edu/archives/2025-2026/undergraduate/colleges-academic-departments/science-and-engineering-technology/agricultural-science/career-technology-program/>)

² The total hours reflect the inclusion of two lower-division courses – CRIJ 2362 and CRIJ 2364 – in the Criminal Justice Concentration. If the student does not have prior credit for CRIJ 2362 and CRIJ 2364, the total hours increase to 126.

³ CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

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Internships or Work-Based Mentorship

An internship or work-based mentorship in career and technology is intended to provide experience-based learning opportunities for students in their respective discipline of study. These internships are limited to students seeking a BAAS degree or for students with special approval. Students generally seek an internship or work-based mentorship experience at the end of their sophomore or junior year. The course identified for internship or work-based mentorship is CATM 4360 (or minor field internship) and may be arranged through student contact with providers or through departmental faculty, staff announcements, or career services postings. All internships or work-based mentorships must receive prior departmental approval. Maximum credit for internship or work-based mentorship is nine (9) credit hours, with no more than three (3) hours to be taken per semester.

First Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) ¹		15 Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) ¹	15
	15		15

Second Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) ¹		18 Core Curriculum and/or Major (A.A.S. degree in-block transferred courses) ¹	18
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Third Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced CRIJ Elective		3 Advanced CRIJ Electives	15
CRIJ 2361 ²		3 General Education (As needed)	3
CRIJ 2362 ³		3	
CRIJ 2364 ³		3	
VCST 3350		3	
		15	18

Fourth Year

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Advanced CRIJ Electives		6 Advanced Electives from CRIJ or CATM	9
CRIJ 3378		3	
CRIJ 4385		3	
		12	9

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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 BAAS: Criminal Justice Concentration is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Apply independent and team-working skills to accomplish objectives and meet deadlines in a variety of business settings.
- Demonstrate a work ethic and soft skills that are desirable of an employee.
- Analyze situational aspects and engage in critical thinking skills to formulate and implement problem-solving techniques in agricultural management.
- Organize human, physical, and financial resources.
- Effectively communicate factual information, logically and concisely, orally as well as in written professional formats.