

# UNDERGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

This Criminal Justice Undergraduate Certificate program builds on a proven track record of success in preparing students for the complexities of law enforcement careers. This 15 credit hour program acknowledges the evolving demands of the criminal justice sector, ensuring graduates are not only well-equipped for today's challenges but are also adaptable to tomorrow's. It represents a strategic investment for those seeking to build upon a tradition of excellence in law enforcement.

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Code	Title	Hours
<b>Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice</b>		
<b>Required Courses</b>		
CRIJ 2361	Introduction To The Criminal Justice System	3
CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals Of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems and Practice	3
CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices	3
<b>Prescribed Electives</b>		
Select one course from the following:		3
CRIJ 2362	Criminology	
CRIJ 2394	Courts And Criminal Procedure	
CRIJ 4365	Professionalism and Ethics In Criminal Justice	
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>15</b>

## Notes

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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 Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking and evidence-based analysis of crime and criminal justice activities.
- Effective communication in legal and law enforcement contexts, both internally and to community stakeholders.
- Strategic decision-making for law enforcement resource allocation.
- Proactivity and initiative in crime prevention and community relations.