

Criminal Justice (CIP 43.0107)

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Associate of Applied Science Degree Program (A.A.S.)

Purpose: The curriculum in Criminal Justice prepares individuals for career services in law enforcement and related occupations. Supported by a broad general education, training is given to develop professional competence in the fields of law enforcement administration, police science, prevention and control of delinquency and crime, correctional administration, and industrial security administration. This curriculum is applicable to both the preparatory student and the experienced officer.

Admission Requirements:

1. General requirements for admission to the College.

Program Requirements:

1. Complete ACC graduation requirements (see Table of Contents, Academic Policies and Regulations).
2. Complete a minimum of 60 approved credit hours.
3. Students who have completed the Basic Law Enforcement Certificate (Police Academy) are required to see an advisor for course guidance.

Upon satisfactory completion of program and ACC graduation requirements, the student will be awarded the Associate of Applied Science Degree.

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
FIRST YEAR		
First Semester		
A CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
A CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	3
A CRIJ 1307	Crime in America	3
CJLE 1327 or Elective Group 2	Interviewing and Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professions or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 2	3
+ Speech	Select 3 hours from SPCH 1315 or 1318	3
		15
Second Semester		
A CRIJ 1313 or Elective Group 1	Juvenile Justice System or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 1	3
A CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices	3
+ ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
+ Social & Behavioral Sciences	Select from Social & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum (PSYC 2301 recommended)	3
+ Language, Philosophy & Culture	Select from Language, Phil. & Culture Core (COMM 1307 recommended)	3
		15
Third Semester		
A CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation	3
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3
		6
SECOND YEAR		
First Semester		
CRIJ 2301	Community Resources in Corrections	3
CJSA 2323 or Elective Group 2	Criminalistics II or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 2	3
CJSA 2365 or Elective Group 2	Practicum or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 2	3
+ Life & Physical Sciences or + Mathematics	Select from Life & Physical Sciences Core Curriculum or Select from Mathematics Core Curriculum	3
		12
Second Semester		
* CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices	3
A CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CJSA 2364 or Elective Group 2	Practicum or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 2	3
GOVT 2306 or Elective Group 2	Texas Government or Select 3 hours from Elective Group 2	3
		12
Total Credits Required for Criminal Justice Degree		60

Elective Group 1

CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III (Police Academy)
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV (Police Academy)

Elective Group 2

BCIS 1305	Business Computer Applications
CJLE 1211	Basic Firearms (Police Academy)
CJLE 1327	Interviewing and Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professions
CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I (Police Academy)
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II (Police Academy)
CJSA 2323	Criminalistics II
CJSA 2364	Practicum - Criminal Justice/Safety Studies
CJSA 2365	Practicum - Criminal Justice/Safety Studies
GOVT 2306	Texas Government

- + Denotes core requirement. Speak with Department Chair or Academic Advisor for proper course selection.
- A Articulated credit from an approved and successfully completed high school program may substitute for this class.
- * Capstone Course