

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BSCJ)

Degree Requirements

CIP: 43.0107.00

Hours Required

120 semester credit hours (SCH): 45 hours must be advanced, with fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation (<https://catalog.tamtu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)" section of this catalog and the General Requirements for Undergraduate degrees at the beginning of this section.

Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
[University Core Curriculum] (https://catalog.tamtu.edu/appendix-a-core-curriculum-optional-course-information/)		
Select 42 SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the "Requirements for Graduation"		42
Life & Physical Science Lab		
Select 1 SCH compatible with a Life & Physical Science course		1
Foreign Language/Study Abroad		
Students must complete 3 SCH to fulfill the foreign language requirement/study abroad requirement. This may be met by completing one of the following options:		3
1. Foreign Language Coursework: Students may take up to 3 SCH of foreign language* coursework (not credit by exam).		
2. Study Abroad: Students may take up to 3 SCH in any subject through a TAMU-approved study abroad program, provided they live in another country for at least 2 weeks.		
Major		
CRIJ 1306	Courts&Criminal Procedure	3
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems&Practice	3
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems&Practices	3
CRIJ 2329	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 4321	Senior Pro-Seminar-WIN	3
CRIJ 4325	Statistics in Criminal Justice	3
SOCI 3336	Criminology	3
Field of Study: select 6 SCH from the following:		6
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice	
CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation	
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects Law Enforcement	
Research: select 3 SCH from the following:		3
CRIJ 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	
PSCI 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	
SOCI 3301	Research Methods in Social Sci	
Select 12 SCH from any 3000-4000 level CRIJ. All CRIJ majors must first satisfy the lower level CRIJ courses or their junior/community college equivalents in the sequence indicated before enrolling in advanced		12

Social/Behavior Science Elective	
Select 9 SCH from any 3000-4000 level ANTH/CRIJ/ECO/GEOG/HIST/PHIL/PSCI/PSYC/SOCI/WGST	9
Minor	
Select a minimum of 18 SCH from one discipline at least twelve of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. See Appendix C. Instead of a minor, students may complete 18 SCH of electives, 12 SCH of which must be at the 3000-4000 level, from any discipline, except the major field, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences	18
Electives	
Select 5 SCH at the 3000-4000 level. Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum	5
Total Semester Credit Hours	120

* Note: All CRIJ majors must first satisfy the lower level CRIJ courses or their junior/community college equivalents in the sequence indicated before enrolling in advanced courses.
 Foreign Language/Study Abroad: For Spanish courses, a Spanish placement exam must be taken before course enrollment to identify competency level.
 BA/MA Option: See Combined BA/MA Programs in this section.

Four-Year Degree Plan

Following is a suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**, meeting all course prerequisites, and **writing intensive course (WIN)** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online. (<https://catalog.tamtu.edu/undergraduate-information/academic-regulations/>)

		Semester Credit Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	3
HIST 1301	The US to 1877	3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3
CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ 1306	Courts&Criminal Procedure	3
UNIV 1201	Learn a Global Context I	2
Semester Credit Hours		17
Spring		
ENGL 1302	English Composition II	3
HIST 1302	The US Since 1877	3
UNIV 1302	Signature Course	3
Creative Arts		3
Field of Study Lower Level CRIJ Elective		3
Semester Credit Hours		15
Sophomore		
Fall		
PSCI 2305	American National Government	3
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems&Practice	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture		3



Life & Physical Science	3
Life & Physical Science Lab	1
Minor/General Elective	3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Spring

PSCI 2306	American State Government	3
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems&Practices	3
CRIJ 2329	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
Life & Physical Science		3
Life & Physical Science Lab		1
Minor/General Elective		3

Semester Credit Hours 16

Junior

Fall

SOCI 3336	Criminology	3
CRIJ - Adv CRIJ Elective		3
Adv Soc/Behavioral Science		3
Adv General Elective		3
Field of Study Lower Level CRIJ Elective		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Spring

CRIJ - Adv CRIJ Elective		3
CRIJ - Research Methods		3
Adv Minor/General Elective		3
Adv Minor/General Elective		3
Foreign Lang/Study Abroad		3

Semester Credit Hours 15

Senior

Fall

CRIJ 4325	Statistics in Criminal Justice	3
CRIJ - Adv CRIJ Elective		3
Adv Minor/General Elective		3
Adv General Elective		2
Adv Soc/Behavioral Science		3

Semester Credit Hours 14

Spring

CRIJ 4321	Senior Pro-Seminar-WIN	3
Adv Minor/General Elective		3
CRIJ - Adv CRIJ Elective		3
Adv Soc/Behavioral Science		3

Semester Credit Hours 12

Total Semester Credit Hours 120

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General electives, 5 SCH at the 3000-4000 level from any discipline, outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.

NOTE 1: See information on the combined BS/MS in Criminal Justice.

NOTE 2: Students who do not elect to have a minor curriculum may use up to 9 hours of their available electives in additional courses in their major curriculum.

Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.

Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.