

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (BSCJ)

Degree Requirements 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 |
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| [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 | | |
| Select 3 SCH in foreign language coursework (not credit by exam). Students may take 3 SCH in Spanish at the level determined by the Spanish Placement Exam or by satisfying required pre-requisites. Students may take 3 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level or above. This requirement may also be met by earning 3 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 4 weeks in another country. | | 3 |
| 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.
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/>)

| Freshman | | Semester Credit Hours |
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| 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 |

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| Minor/General Elective | 3 |
| Semester Credit Hours | 16 |

Spring

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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

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| 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.