BA in Criminal Justice

Possible career paths for students in this degree are:

- Law Enforcement: Government agencies (Federal, State, Local)-- police officer, special agent, investigations, dispatcher, crime scene analyst
- Court Workers: Prosecution or Defense Attorney, Judge, Restorative Justice mediator, Court reporter, Paralegal
- Corrections: Victim advocate, Case Manager, Probation/Parole officer, Restorative Justice Program Director, Correctional Officer, Prison Counselor/Teacher
- Private Security- Loss prevention, fraud specialist, investigator

 Marketable Skills

Students will develop the following marketable skills:

1. Critical thinking: Analyze and evaluate issues in order to solve problems and develop informed opinions
2. Social responsibility: Act ethically and responsibly for the benefit of society and the public good
3. Social skills: Effectively use body language, verbal and non-verbal communication skills and personal appearance to communicate and interact with others
4. Writing: Be able to write in a clear and comprehensible manner to the reader

In addition, students will learn:

1. Compassion and understanding of social problems (child abuse/neglect, addiction, homelessness, mental illness) that may later contribute to legal problems and reasons why people commit crime
2. Understanding of the law and legal processes for suspects, defendants, and convicted persons
3. Ability to distinguish effective crime policies that control crime and/or reduce recidivism

The Criminal Justice Department offers an interdisciplinary major leading toward a BA degree designed to provide students with a broad social science background for understanding crime, criminal behavior, and the criminal justice system, and to offer the opportunity to prepare for a professional career in criminal justice.

For both ON-CAMPUS and ON-LINE BA in Criminal Justice, student must complete:

1. Complete a minimum of 120 semester hours, including at least 39 hours at the advanced (33XX or 43XX) level.
2. Fulfill the general education, block electives, and foreign language core requirements for the Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Liberal Arts.
   a. Criminal Justice majors need to fulfill the mathematics requirements by taking MATH 1320 or its equivalent.
   b. Criminal Justice majors are encouraged to take Sociology and Psychology courses to fulfill the social/behavioral science requirements.
3. Complete 36 hours of criminal justice courses
4. A minimum of 21 credit hours in the major must be taken at the advanced (33XX-43XX) level.
5. Complete a requirement of six (6) level credit hours of a foreign language. Students in the online format only have Spanish as an option. Prerequisites for foreign languages may exist depending on the language.
6. FOR ON-CAMPUS: Complete a minor of at least 18 hours, nine (9) of which must be at the advanced (33XX-43XX) level. The minor field must be selected from a discipline different from that of the major field. Credit for courses taken to fulfill the minor cannot be used to satisfy the major or general education core requirements. See the general BA minor requirements for a list of acceptable minors.
7. FOR ON-LINE: Complete 18 hours of additional electives. Elective credit cannot be used in meeting any other degree requirement, except for the 39 advanced/upper level hours. Students are encouraged to complete as many of these electives as possible in the area of Criminal Justice.
8. All students must complete electives as needed to bring the total semester hours of credit to 120.

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Degree Plan

Required Credits: 120

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**BA in Criminal Justice**

**Upper Division Hours**
This degree plan requires completion of 39 upper-division hours.

**Designated Core (All courses require a grade of C or better)**
Required Courses: ¹

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**University Core Curriculum**
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements. (p. 3) 42

**Criminal Justice Major**
Required Courses (All courses require a C or better):

**Upper-Division CRIJ**

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Select fifteen additional CRIJ hours with at least twelve being upper-division:

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**Open Electives**
Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours

**Foreign Language**
Complete six hours of foreign language (language must be in a sequence) ² 6

**Block Electives**
Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each (p. 7) 12

¹ Although the UTEP choice is larger, these choices satisfy the requirements of both the core and the major.

² Language must be in a sequence.
2 French and Spanish majors must fulfill this requirement in a language other than their major.

**University Core Curriculum**

The department may make specific suggestions for courses which are most applicable towards your major.

All courses require a C or better

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### III. Language, Philosophy & Culture (three hours)

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1 A higher-level course in the calculus sequence can be substituted.
2 TCCN MATH 1314 will also satisfy this requirement.

**Total Hours**

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### V. Life & Physical Sciences (six hours)

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Courses in this category focus on consideration of the Constitution of the United States and the constitutions of the states, with special emphasis on that of Texas. Courses involve the analysis of governmental institutions, political behavior, civic engagement, and their political and philosophical foundations.

Required Courses:

- **POLS 2310** Introduction to Politics
- **POLS 2311** American Gover & Politics

Courses in this category focus on the application of empirical and scientific methods that contribute to the understanding of what makes us human. Courses involve the exploration of behavior and interactions among individuals, groups, institutions, and events, examining their impact on the individual, society, and culture.

Select one of the following:

- ANTH 1301 Intro-Phys Anth/Archeolog
- ANTH 1302 Intro-Cultural Anthropology
- ANTH 1310 Cultural Geography
- ANTH 2320 Intro to Linguistics
- CE 2326 Econ for Engrs & Scientists
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