

CRIMINAL JUSTICE & CRIMINOLOGY, BACHELOR OF ARTS

The curriculum in Criminal Justice and Criminology is designed to prepare students for occupations in a wide variety of industries. This includes policing, security, corrections, social services, and transportation security.

The requirements are innovative and designed to meet policing needs in the 21st century. These include a Spanish language requirement, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) option, and a curriculum that encourages a second minor or major in diverse and impactful areas, including Cybersecurity and Emergency Management. The program affords a transition opportunity for students who have completed an AAS in Law Enforcement Certification or Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice. It gives a strong base for graduate study in law, criminal justice, or criminology. Also, completion of the program provides a foundation for the Behavioral Sciences' Master's Degree in Applied Sociology, which has an emphasis in criminal justice studies.

Curriculum

Code	Title	Hours
Basic Requirements		
SPAN 1013	Beginning Spanish I	3
SOC/PSY 2053	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
or GEOG 2833	Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
Select one of the following:		3
SOC/PSY 2063	Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences	
EAM 4033	Emergency Management Research and Grants	
POLS 2513	Research Design	
CJ/SOC 2003	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ/SOC 2033	Social Problems	3
CJ/SOC 2043	Crime and Delinquency	3
Select 12 hours of 3000-4000 level Criminal Justice courses		12
Policing		
Select three hours of the following:		3
CJ/SOC 3153	Prison and Corrections	
CJ/SOC 3103	The Juvenile Justice System	
CJ 4033	Policing and Society	
Courts		
Select three hours of the following:		3
CJ/POLS 3023	Judicial Process	
CJ 4023	Law and the Legal System	
Society		
Select three hours of the following:		3
CJ/SOC 3083	Social Deviance	
SOC 4003	Minority Relations	
SOC 4023	Sociology of Gender	
SOC 4063	Social Stratification	
SOC 1003	Introductory Sociology	3
ANTH 2003	Cultural Anthropology	3
or ANTH 1213	Introduction to Anthropology	
POLS 2003	American Government	3

Complete a minor, an associate's degree or a second degree in one of the following: Sociology, Cybersecurity, Emergency Management, Political Science, Psychology, Pre-Law, Cybersecurity, or Law Enforcement

Total Hours **48**

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The matrix below is a sample plan for all coursework required for this program.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 1013	Composition I ¹	3
SS 1XXX	Social Science Courses ¹	3
POLS 2003	American Government	3
TECH 1001	Orientation to the University	1
Elective ^{2,3}		6
Hours		16
Spring		
ENGL 1023	Composition II ¹	3
SS 1XXX	Social Science Courses ¹	3
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
MATH XXXX	Mathematics ¹	3
CJ/SOC 2003	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
Hours		16
Sophomore		
Fall		
FAH 1XXX	Fine Arts and Humanities Courses ¹	6
SCIL 1XXX	Science with Laboratory ¹	4
SPAN 1013	Beginning Spanish I	3
Hours		13
Spring		
PSY/SOC 2053	Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences	3
or GEOG 2833	or Introduction to Geographic Information Systems	
Select one of the following:		3
PSY/SOC 2063	Research Design for the Behavioral Sciences	
EAM 4033	Emergency Management Research and Grants	
POLS 2513	Research Design	
Elective ^{2,3}		9
Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
SOC 1003	Introductory Sociology	3
CJ/SOC 2033	Social Problems	3
CJ Policing (3000-4000 level) ⁴		3
Elective ^{2,3}		6
Hours		15
Spring		
ANTH 1213/2003	Introduction to Anthropology	3
CJ/SOC 2043	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ Courts (3000-4000 level) ⁴		3
Elective ^{2,3}		6
Hours		15
Senior		
Fall		
CJ Society (3000-4000 level) ⁴		3
CJ Elective (3000-4000 level)		6
Elective ^{2,3}		6
Hours		15

Spring

CJ Courts (3000-4000 level)	6
Elective ^{2,3}	9
Hours	15
Total Hours	120

¹ See appropriate alternatives or substitutions in "General Education Requirements (<https://catalog.atu.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/>)".

² A minor or second degree must be completed.

³ At least 40 of the total hours required for graduation must be 3000 - 4000 level courses.

⁴ See appropriate options in "Policing", "Courts", & "Society" areas:

Policing

Choose 3 hours (UD) from:

Code	Title	Hours
CJ/SOC 3153	Prison and Corrections	3
CJ/SOC 3103	The Juvenile Justice System	3
CJ/SOC 4033	Policing and Society	3

Courts

Choose 3 hours (UD) from:

Code	Title	Hours
CJ/POLS 3023	Judicial Process	3
CJ 4023	Law and the Legal System	3

Society

Choose 3 hours (UD) from:

Code	Title	Hours
CJ/SOC 3083	Social Deviance	3
SOC 4003	Minority Relations	3
SOC 4023	Sociology of Gender	3
SOC 4063	Social Stratification	3