

West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2023-2024

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

Criminal Justice—Policing
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
OM 414 651-3310

CORE CURRICULUM COURSES: 42 HOURS		HRS
Communication (Code 10)		
ENGL 1301 Intro. to Academic Writing & Argumentation OR ENGL 1311 Writing About Ideas	3	
COMM 1315, 1318, or 1321	3	
Mathematics (Code 20)		
MATH 1314*, 1316*, 1324*, 1325*, 1332**/**, 1342*/**, 1350*/**, 2412*, or 2413* (2412 & 2413: fourth hr. moves to Code 90)	3	
Life and Physical Sciences (Code 30)		
Take two courses from: ANSC 1319; BIOL 1406 or 1308, 1407* or 1309*, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1305* or 1411*, 1412*; ENVR 1407*; GEOL 1301 or 1403, 1302, 1404; PHYS 1401*, 1402*, 1311, 1312, 1371, 2425*, 2426*; PSES 1301, 1307 - BIOL 1406, 1407, 1411, 1413; CHEM 1411, 1412; GEOL 1403, 1404; PHYS 1401, 1402, 2425, 2426: 4 th hr. moves to Core 90	6	
Language, Philosophy and Culture (Code 40)		
ANTH 2351, ENGL 2321*, 2326*, 2331*, 2341*, 2343*; HIST 2311, 2323, 2372; MCOM 1307; PHIL 1301, 2374; SPAN 2311*, 2312*/**, 2313*, 2315*, or 2371 Choose 1	3	
Creative Arts (Code 50)		
ARTS 1301, 1303, 1304; DANC 2303; MUSI 1306, 1307 (for music majors), 1310; or THRE 1310 Choose 1	3	
American History (Code 60)		
HIST 1301, 1302, 2301, 2381, 2382 Choose 2	6	
Government/Political Science (Code 70)		
POSC 2305 and 2306	6	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Code 80)		
See University Core Requirements below	(3)	
Component Area Option (Code 90)		
Take six hours from: AGRI 2300; BIOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); BUSI 1301, 1304; CHEM 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; ENVR 4 th hour (from Core 30); GEOL 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MATH 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 20); MUSI 1053; PHIL 2303; PHYS 4 th hour from 4-hour courses (from Core 30); SES 1120	6	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE—POLICING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 63 HOURS A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS ♦		
CORE 80 SOC1 1301 Introduction to Sociology	3	
CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORE REQUIREMENTS: 18 HOURS		
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices	3	
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America	3	
CRIJ 1310 Introduction to Law	3	
CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices	3	
CRIJ 2328 Contemporary Policing	3	
POLICING EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS: 21 HOURS		
CRIJ 3362* Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	

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BA.CJ.POLICING (835)

CRIJ 4098* Internship – Capstone OR Six advanced semester hours from CRIJ	6†	
CRIJ 4334 Criminal Law	3	
CRIJ 4340 Constitutional Rights of the Accused	3	
CRIJ 4348 Ethics and the Justice and EMA Systems	3	
CRIJ 4362 Social Research	3	
REQUIRED COURSES FROM OTHER DEPARTMENTS: 24 HOURS		
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3	
PSYC 3350* Social Psychology	3	
PSYC 4360* Abnormal Psychology	3	
SOCI 4302* Criminology	3	
SOCI 4321 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3	
Take two courses from: CRIJ 3322 Advanced Criminal Investigation CRIJ/SOCI 3374 Victimology CRIJ 4324 Community Policing CRIJ 4326 Managing Police Organizations SOCI 4342 Juvenile Delinquency	6	
3 HOURS OF ADVANCED CRIJ/POSC/SOCI (CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY)	3	
BACHELOR OF ARTS REQUIREMENTS: 12 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours of foreign language. (Extra hour from 4-hour language courses will count towards elective hours.)	6	
Six hours chosen from art, English, history, modern languages, music, philosophy and theatre.	6	
ELECTIVES: 3 HOURS ♦		
ELECTIVES (ANY LEVEL)	3	
MINIMUM HOURS REQUIRED TO COMPLETE DEGREE	120	

* Indicates prerequisites—see catalog for more information.

** While MATH 1332, 1342 and 1350 will fulfill core math requirements, they will NOT prepare students for higher-level math courses such as Plane Trigonometry (MATH 1316) or Pre-Calculus (MATH 2412).

*** Or an equivalent course (second year, second semester) in a foreign language.

† It is possible to take only three hours of internship. See department adviser about possible substitutions if needed.

NOTE: This is NOT a degree plan. All undergraduate students must request an official degree plan from their academic dean's office by the time they have completed 30 credit hours.

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Major: Criminal Justice – Policing, B.A.

Major Code: 835

Year 1: Fall	Year 1: Spring
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	CORE 10 (Communication) – COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321
3	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) – See checklist for options	CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options
3	3
CORE 30 (Lab Science) – See checklist for options	CORE 30 (Lab Science) – See checklist for options
3	3
CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306	CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
3	3
CORE 90 (Component Area Option) – See checklist for options	SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology
3	3
Total:	Total:
15	15
Year 2: Fall	Year 2: Spring
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options
3	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options
3	3
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices	CORE 70 (Govt./Political Sci.) – POSC 2305 or 2306
3	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	CRIJ 1310 Introduction to Law
3	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options
3	3
Total:	Total:
15	15
Year 3: Fall	Year 3: Spring
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America	CRIJ 4340 Constitutional Rights of the Accused
3	3
CRIJ 2328 Contemporary Policing	SOCI 4302 Criminology
3	3
CRIJ 3362 Statistics for the Social Sciences	SOCI 4321 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
3	3
CRIJ 4348 Ethics and the Justice and EMA Systems	B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options
3	3
PSYC 3350 Social Psychology	Required Elective ¹
3	3
Total:	Total:
15	15
Year 4: Fall	Year 4: Spring
CRIJ 4334 Criminal Law	CRIJ 4098 Internship – Capstone or six advanced semester hours from CRIJ
3	6
PSYC 4360 Abnormal Psychology	Advanced CRIJ, POSC or SOCI Elective
3	3
B.A. Requirement – See checklist for options	Elective
3	3
Required Elective ¹	Elective
3	3
Elective	
3	
Total:	Total:
15	15

¹ **Required Elective:** Take two courses from: CRIJ 3322, CRIJ/SOCI 3374, CRIJ 4324, CRIJ 4326, SOCI 4342

Identified Marketable Skills	Top Three Local Employers or Industries/Professional Programs/Possible Career Opportunities
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Additional notes:

- The core curriculum must total exactly 42 hours; excess hours must be moved to the major as an elective or a major requirement and stay within the 120-hour requirement or approved total submitted to the Coordinating Board for degree requirements. Some majors specify particular courses to meet core curriculum requirements when options are available.
- At least 36 hours of advanced work (3000- or 4000-level courses) for which tuition is paid must be earned at WTAMU. A maximum of six semester hours in religion (RELI) and six semester hours in physical education (PHED) courses can count toward a baccalaureate degree.

DISCLAIMER: This curriculum guide should be used in conjunction with the corresponding degree checklist for general planning purposes only. The degree checklist (later a student's official degree plan) should be referred to as the comprehensive list of all courses required for the degree. An official degree plan is required after completing 30 hours. Students should always seek the advice of their academic adviser before scheduling classes.