

WTAMU ADVISING SERVICES – 2025-2026 Curriculum Guide

Major: Criminal Justice – Policing, B.S.

Major Code: 835

Year 1: Fall		Year 1: Spring	
CORE 10 (Communication) – ENGL 1301 or 1311	3	CORE 10 (Communication) - COMM 1315, 1318 or 1321	3
CORE 20 (Mathematics) - See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 30 (Lab Science) - See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 30 (Lab Science) - See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 80 (Social & Behav. Sci.) SOCI 1301 Intro. to Sociology	3
CORE 90 (Comp. Area Option) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 90 (Comp. Area Option) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 1306 Court Systems & Practices	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 2: Fall		Year 2: Spring	
CORE 40 (Lang., Phil. & Culture) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 50 (Creative Arts) – See checklist for options	3
CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3	CORE 60 (American History) – See checklist for options ¹	3
CORE 70 (Government/Political Sci.) - POSC 2305	3	CORE 70 (Government/Political Sci.) - POSC 2306	3
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America	3	CRIJ 1310 Introduction to Law	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 3: Fall		Year 3: Spring	
CRIJ 2328 Contemporary Policing	3	CRIJ 2313 Corrections Systems and Practices	3
CRIJ 3362 Statistics for the Social Sciences	3	CRIJ 4302 Criminology	3
CRIJ 4346 Ethics and Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 4340 Advanced Criminal Procedure	3
PSYC 3350 Social Psychology	3	SOCI 4321 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3
B.S. Requirement – See checklist for options	3	Required Elective ²	3
Total:	15	Total:	15
Year 4: Fall		Year 4: Spring	
CRIJ 4334 Criminal Law	3	CRIJ 4098 Internship - Capstone or Six adv. hours from CRIJ	6
CRIJ 4362 Social Research	3	Advanced Elective from CRIJ, POSC or SOCI	3
PSYC 4360 Abnormal Psychology	3	Elective	3
Required Elective ²	3	Elective	3
Elective	3		
Total:	15	Total:	15

¹ **CORE:** Criminal Justice majors are required to take SOCI 1301, which may be applied toward Core 80. For all other categories, they may select from any available options (see degree checklist). Apart from the major-specific core requirement, there is no set order in which core courses must be taken.

² **Required Elective:** Take two courses from: CRIJ 3322, CRIJ 3374, CRIJ 4324, CRIJ 4326, CRIJ 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.