

**West Texas A&M University
Advising Services
Degree Checklist
2026-2027**

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NAME: _____ WT ID: _____ DATE: _____

**Criminal Justice—Policing
Department of Political Science and Criminal Justice
OM 414 (806) 651-2909**

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, 2401, 2402; 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; BUSI 1301, 1304; CIDM 1105, CIDM 1301 or 1315; CS 1301; ECON 2331; EDUC 1300; ENGL 1101, 1102, 1302*, 1312*, 2311*; HNRS 2171; HSCI 2300; IDS 1071 (1-3 hours); MUSI 1053 (1-2 hours); PHIL 2303; SES 1120	6	
Also, extra 4 th -hour credits from Core 20 and Core 30 (MATH, BIOL, CHEM, ENVR, GEOL, PHYS)		
CRIMINAL JUSTICE—POLICING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 66 HOURS A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses required for major.		
UNIVERSITY CORE REQUIREMENTS: 3 HOURS ♦		
CORE 80 SOC 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	

**Bachelor of Science Degree
BS.CJ.POLICING (835)**

POLICING EMPHASIS REQUIREMENTS: 45 HOURS		
CRIJ/POSC/SOCI/SOCW 3362* Statistics Social Sciences	3	
CRIJ 4098* Internship – Capstone OR Six advanced semester hours from CRIJ	6†	
CRIJ 4302* Criminology	3	
CRIJ/POSC 4334 Criminal Law	3	
CRIJ/POSC 4340 Advanced Criminal Procedure	3	
CRIJ 4346 Ethics and Criminal Justice	3	
CRIJ 4362 Social Research	3	
PSYC 2301 General Psychology	3	
PSYC 3350* Social Psychology	3	
PSYC 4360* Abnormal Psychology	3	
SOCI 4321 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity	3	
Take two courses from: CRIJ 3322 Advanced Criminal Investigation CRIJ 3374 Victimology CRIJ 4324 Community Policing CRIJ 4326 Managing Police Organizations CRIJ 4342 Juvenile Delinquency	6	
3 HOURS OF ADVANCED CRIJ/POSC/SOCI (CRIMINAL JUSTICE, POLITICAL SCIENCE, SOCIOLOGY)	3	
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE REQUIREMENTS: 6 HOURS OPTION		
Six hours chosen from biology, chemistry, environmental science, geology, geosciences, mathematics, physics, and natural sciences.	6	
ELECTIVES: 9 HOURS ♦		
ELECTIVES (ANY LEVEL)	9	
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.S.

BS.CJ.POLICING (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.