

Degree Type – Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (BSCJ)
Degree Title – Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Online is designed for students who have already completed their General Education Core or an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science Degree. The online degree is designed to help professionals in the field complete their education and advance their career as well as for any student interested in a career in criminal justice (e.g., law enforcement, parole, probation, or corrections). Courses are designed to cover the workings of the justice system and to help students develop skills to enhance their career success, like critical thinking skills, communication skills, and problem solving skills. The degree also helps prepare students interested in pursuing a graduate degree by providing an academic foundation in criminological theory and research methods.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. **Demonstrate knowledge of the structure, operations, and practices of the major components of the criminal justice system which include police, courts, corrections, and laws.**
2. **Explain the fundamentals of research methods used in criminal justice research.**
3. **Apply critical thinking, creativity, problem solving, and written communication skills through online assignments.**
4. **Demonstrate knowledge of criminological theory and crime control techniques.**

A – GENERAL EDUCATION CORE – 42 HOURS

Students must fulfill the General Education Core requirements. The courses listed below satisfy both degree requirements and General Education Core requirements.

Required

Social and Behavioral Sciences – 3 hours

PSYC 2301 General Psychology

B – MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 70 HOURS (67 advanced)

Courses offered online through the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley (CRIJ Prefix), the University of Texas-Arlington (CRCJ Prefix), and the University of Texas-Permian Basin (CCJO Prefix).

1 – Criminal Justice Core – 61 hours (58 advanced)

Choose one:

CRCJ 2334 Introduction to Criminal Justice

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

CCJO 3312 Criminal Justice Administration

CRIJ 3315 Forensic Investigation I

CRIJ 3331 Legal Aspects of Corrections

CCJO 3332 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice

CRCJ 3350 Research Methods in Criminology

CRCJ 3380 Race, Crime, and Justice

CRCJ 4301 The American Judicial Systems

CRIJ 4312 Principles of Law Enforcements and Supervision

CRIJ 4313 Seminar: Issues in Law Enforcement

CRCJ 4315 Criminal Careers and Behavior Systems

CCJO 4316 Theories of Criminal Behavior

CRCJ 4333 Institutional Corrections

CRIJ 4341 Correctional Casework and Counseling

CCJO 4354 Ethics in Criminal Justice

CCJO 4356 Probation and Parole

CCJO 4364 Police and the Community
CRIJ 4370 Senior Seminar: Policy Issues
CRCJ 4380 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
PSYC 3405 Behavior Modification

2 – Advanced Criminal Justice Electives – 9 hours (9 advanced)

Choose 9 hours of approved Criminal Justice courses.

C – FREE ELECTIVES – 8 HOURS

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION – 120 HOURS

TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS – 67 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Admission requirements

For admission, students must have completed the General Education Core (42 hours) and Texas Success Initiative (TSI) or other test approved by the State of Texas.

Graduation requirements

In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2015-2017 Undergraduate Catalog, demonstration of proficiency in a language other than English is required at the undergraduate level equivalent to a minimum of six credit hours. Proficiency can be demonstrated by a college credit exam, a placement test approved through the UTRGV Department of Writing and Language Studies, and/or up to six credit hours of college-level language coursework.