A Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice prepares students interested in criminal justice careers like law enforcement, parole and probation, corrections, and youth services. While students will learn about the inner workings of the justice system, our courses are also designed to develop skills that will make their careers more successful, like critical thinking skills, good communication skills, problem solving skills, and an ability to grow and learn after college. Finally, the degree prepares students interested in pursuing a graduate degree by providing a strong academic foundation in criminological theory, research methods, and statistics.

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.

Recommended

020 - Mathematics – 3 hours
Any available course, except MATH 1332.

B - MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – 51 HOURS (33 advanced minimum)

1 - Criminal Justice Core – 30 hours (18 advanced)

CRJ 1301 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
CRJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices
CRJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices
CRJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices
CRJ 3303 Criminology
CRJ 3304 Criminal Justice Research Methods
CRJ 3305 Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice
CRJ 3310 The Constitution and Criminal Law
Choose one:
   CRJ 4399 Criminal Justice System Capstone
   CRJ 4364 Field Internship
SOCI 4333 Social Theory for Sociology Students

2 - Criminal Justice Electives – 21 hours (15 advanced minimum)

Choose from:
CRJ 1307 Crime in America
CRJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System
CRJ 3316 Criminal Evidence and Proof
CRJ 3322 Juvenile Delinquency and Justice
CRJ 3325 Violent Crime and Offenders
CRJ 3331 Legal Aspects of Corrections
CRJ 3341 Probation and Parole
CRJ 3344 Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice
CRJ 4312 Principles of Law Enforcements and Supervision
CRJ 4313 Seminar: Issues in Law Enforcement
CRJ 4314 Private Security and Loss Prevention
CRJ 4316 Environmental Crime and Justice
CRJ 4320 Criminal Justice Organization and Management
CRJ 4321 White-Collar and Organized Crime
CRJ 4322 Terrorism
CRJ 4335 Restorative and Community Justice
CRJ 4341 Correctional Casework and Counseling
CRJ 4343 Current Issues in Corrections
CRJ 4350 Peace, Nonviolence, and Justice
CRJ 4355 Current Issues in the Courts
CRJ 4356 Law and Society
CRJ 4357 Crime Prevention Techniques
CRJ 4361 Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
CRJ 4362 Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CRJ 4365 Independent Studies in Criminal Justice
CRJ 4370 Senior Seminar: Policy Issues
C - MINOR - 18 HOURS (6 advanced)

D - FREE ELECTIVES - 9 HOURS
   Advanced hours will vary to meet 51 advanced hour requirement.

TOTAL CREDIT HOURS FOR GRADUATION - 120 HOURS
TOTAL ADVANCED HOURS - 51 HOURS

ADMISSION, PROGRESSION, AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS, if applicable:

Graduation requirements
In addition to the graduation requirements listed in the UTRGV 2018-2019 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.