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*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)**

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System  
CRIJ 1306 Courts Systems and Practices  
CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices  
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices  
CRIJ 3303 Criminology/Nature of Crime  
CRIJ 3304 Criminal Justice Research Methods  
CRIJ 3305 Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice  
CRIJ 3310 The Constitution and Criminal Law

*Choose one:*

CRIJ 4399 Criminal Justice System Capstone  
CRIJ 4364 Field Internship  
SOCl 4331 Social Theory for Non-Majors

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

*Choose from:*

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