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.

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**

- **080 - 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
- CRJ 1301 Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- CCJO 3312 Criminal Justice Administration
- CRJ 3315 Forensic Investigation I
- CRJ 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
- CRU 4312 Principles of Law Enforcements and Supervision
- CRU 4313 Seminar: Issues in Law Enforcement
- CRCJ 4315 Criminal Careers and Behavior Systems
- CCJO 4316 Theories of Criminal Behavior
- CRCJ 4333 Institutional Corrections
- CRJ 4341 Correctional Casework and Counseling
- CCJO 4354 Ethics in Criminal Justice
- CCJO 4356 Probation and Parole
- CCJO 4364 Police and the Community
- CRJ 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.