

**Bachelor of Science (BS)**

**Criminal Justice**

*Minor Required*

The 2026-2027 list of core courses can be found in the 2026-2027 Undergraduate Catalog: [www.utrgv.edu/catalog](http://www.utrgv.edu/catalog) > See 'Bachelors Degree Program Regulations'

**Symbols Key**

Campus: B - Offered in Brownsville; E - Offered in Edinburg; O - Offered Online; T - Travel Required

Bolded Course Number\*: Program Admission Requirement

Min Grade: A - Excellent; B - Good; C - Satisfactory; D - Below Average; CR - Credit; P - Passing; S - Satisfactory.

Core: 010 - Communication; 020 - Mathematics; 030 - Life and Physical Sciences; 040 - Language, Philosophy & Culture; 050 - Creative Arts; 060 - American History; 070 - Government/Political Science; 080 - Social and Behavioral Sciences;

Core: 090 - Applied Communication and Literacies; Humanities; Leadership; Science Labs; Interdisciplinary; Technologies; Language Diversity & Writing

Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Option: ENGL 1301	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 1301	Introduction to the Criminal Justice System				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Mathematics	C	020	College Ready TSI status in Mathematics or MATH 0314/0332/0342.	See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Creative Arts		050		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Fall		B/E/O	UNIV	1301 Learning Framework 1101 Academic and Career Success 1001/1300 Living and Working by Design				As required, based on a number of factors such as credit hours earned, TSI status, high school rank, major declaration, etc.	
1	Fall	15		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Communication	C	010	For all 010 courses: Satisfactory scores on English portion of ACT test and TSI examination or ENGL 0301. For ENGL 1302, a grade of "C" or better in ENGL 1301.	See General Education Core for more details Options: ENGL 1302 or ENGL 1305	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement. See General Education Core for more details.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	American History		060		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Spring	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Language, Philosophy & Culture		040		See General Education Core for course options.	
1	Spring	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
1	Spring	16		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
Year	Semester	Credit Hours	Campus	Course Number	Course Title	Minimum Grade	Core	Prerequisite	Additional Notes	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Social and Behavioral Sciences		080		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	4	B/E/O	Choose 1	Life and Physical Sciences		030	May apply pending course selection	See General Education Core for course options. 1 credit hour of lab may apply to category 090.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Fall	3	B/E/O	POLS 2305	U.S. Federal Govt & Politics		070			
2	Fall	16		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 3304	Criminal Justice Research Methods				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
2	Spring	1	B/E/O	Choose 1	Integrative/Experiential Learning Option		090		See General Education Core for course options.	
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	POLS 2306	Texas Government & Politics		070			
2	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-X3XX	Minor				See Minor for course options.	
2	Spring	16		<b>Semester Total Hours</b>						

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3	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 3303	Criminology				Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 3305	Statistical Applications in Criminal Justice			Any MATH course in the Core Curriculum with a minimum grade of C.	Satisfies Major-Specific Requirement.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 13XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree Plan for course options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	13XX-X3XX	Minor				See Minor for course options.	
3	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 13XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective				See Degree Plan for course options.	
3	Fall	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 3310	The Constitution and Criminal Law					
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	13XX-X3XX	Minor				See Minor for course options.	
3	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
3	Spring	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See Degree Plan for course options.	
4	Fall	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Minor (Advanced)				See Minor for course options.	
4	Fall	15	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
4	Spring	3	E/O	CRIJ 43XX	CRIJ 4399 or 4370			Criminal Justice Major with 90 completed hours (36 hours in Criminal Justice)	Criminal Justice Capstone or Senior Seminar on Policy Issues	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Minor (Advanced)				See Minor for course options.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	CRIJ 33XX-43XX	Prescribed Elective (Advanced)				See degree plan for course options.	
4	Spring	3	B/E/O	33XX-43XX	Minor (Advanced)				See Minor for course options. If 27 hours advanced hours of Prescribed Electives are taken, then this course may be taken at a lower level.	
4	Spring	12	<b>Semester Total Hours</b>							
		120	<b>TOTAL HOURS</b>							
		(42)	<b>Advanced minimum credit hours</b>							