

SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

GUIDED PATHWAY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND PUBLIC SAFETY

For more information, visit www.dcccd.edu/justice and your academic advisor at your college.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice and Public Safety. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree Criminal Justice and Public Safety². For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

The AAS degree is designed for those with Criminal Justice backgrounds as well as for recent high school graduates interested in preparing for employment in the fields of law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole or private security. Courses that complete the Degree (D) and courses that complete the Basic Criminal Justice (BC1) Certificate³ are noted below.

Visit www.ntxccc.org/pathways to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer to complete a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Science. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



ONLY Offered at:
CVC, EFC, & MVC

COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS (only for the AAS)

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT

TSI MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

- DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE) _____
 OTHER: _____

MATH PLACEMENT

TSI MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

- DMAT _____
 OTHER: _____

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

PROFICIENCY MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

- ESOL _____
 OTHER: _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS³

All maps can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students

D	BC1	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	CRIJ 1301 –Introduction to Criminal Justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm your academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a Criminal Justice degree.
◆	◆	CRIJ 1307 – Crime in America	
◆		ENGL 1301 – Composition I	
◆		HMSY 1337 – Introduction to Homeland Security	
◆		BIOL 1322 – Nutrition and Diet Therapy	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D	BC1	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	CRIJ 1306 – Court Systems and Practices	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with faculty or a career advisor/coach regarding opportunities for job shadowing and internships.
◆	◆	CRIJ 1310 – Fundamentals of Criminal Law	
◆		HMSY 1342 – Understanding and Combatting Terrorism	
◆		CJSA 1348 – Ethics in Criminal Justice#	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12

D	BC1	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆	◆	Criminal Justice Elective+ ⁴	
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 6

D	BC1	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
◆		CJSA 1330 – Cybercrime#	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to apply for the Basic Criminal Justice (BC1) Certificate ³ . <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with faculty or a career advisor/coach for placement in the Cooperative Education Course. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.
◆		SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication <u>OR</u> SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking	
◆	◆	Required Support Course++ ⁵	
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 12

D	BC1	SEMESTER 5	ACTION ITEMS
◆		PHIL 2306 – Introduction to Ethics	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, apply for Graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Meet with your advisor to apply for the Criminal Justice and Public Safety AAS. ○ Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network!
◆		CJSA 1382 – Cooperative Education-Criminal Justice Safety Studies#	
◆		Criminal Justice Elective+	
◆		PSYC 2314 – Lifespan Growth and Development <u>OR</u> SOCI 2340 – Drug Use and Abuse <u>OR</u> PSYC 2316 – Psychology of Personality	
◆		CJSA 2334 – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice#	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

¹ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.
² Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by the DCCCD college awarding the degree.
³ This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

⁴ This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.
+ Criminal Justice Electives must be selected from the following: CRIJ 1313, CRIJ 2313, CRIJ 2301, CJSA 1392, CJSA 1393
++ Required Support Courses must be chosen from the following: CJSA 1382, CJSA 2382, CRIJ 2314, CRIJ 2323, CRIJ 2328
⁵ If you complete CRIJ 2313 as one of the Criminal Justice Electives in Semester 3 and CRIJ 2328 as one of the Required Support Courses in Semester 4, you will be eligible to apply for the Basic Criminal Justice (BC1) Certificate.
CJSA and CJLE may not transfer to a four-year program as part of the transferable credits for the four-year degree.
You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level science course.

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