

Criminal Justice

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The Criminal Justice Field of Study program is designed for students interested in pursuing a career in law enforcement, corrections, or the court system.

The curriculum has been adapted to meet the needs of students transferring into a Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science program majoring in criminal justice.

The Field of Study courses will constitute a semester credit hour transfer block to any public Texas four-year college or university.

Students should work with their advisor to tailor course selections to align with their chosen transfer university. The transfer plans on this page shows a tailored example for a university commonly chosen by Lee College students. However, students may choose to continue their education at any university.

What Will I Learn?

The criminal justice program introduces students to the methodologies and techniques in the criminal justice profession including law enforcement, the courts, corrections and criminal law. In addition to classroom instruction, students are provided with case studies and active learning law enforcement activities to enhance their professional opportunities with local, county and state agencies. An associate of arts degree with a criminal justice concentration prepares students to successfully transfer into a four-year college/university and pursue a bachelor of arts or bachelor of science degree in criminal justice.

What Can I Do with This Course of Study?

This concentration includes a field of study for transfer to a university for a bachelor's in criminal justice. There are also employment opportunities for those who only complete the associate degree, including local law enforcement and corrections:

- Game Warden
- Private Investigator
- Police Officer
- Correctional Treatment Specialist
- Government Administrator
- Probation Officer
- Security Manager

Degrees and Certificates

Associate of Arts

Criminal Justice - Sam Houston State University Transfer Plan

Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.

	Lee College	SHSU
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	ENGL 1301
SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Communication	COMS 2382
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 2361
HIST 1301	U.S. History to 1876	HIST 1301
GOVT 2305	American Government	POLS 2305
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics	MATH 1332
Creative Arts	Suggested: ARTS 1301, MUSI 1306, or MUSI 1310 or 1310	ARTS 1301, MUSI 1306

Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

	Lee College	SHSU
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
ENGL 1302	English Composition II	ENGL 1302
Social/Behavioral Science	Suggested: SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301	SOCI 1301 or PSYC 1301
HIST 1302	U.S. History since 1876	HIST 1302
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	POLS 2306
BIOL 1408	Biology I for Non-Science Majors	BIOL 1408
CEHM 1405	Introductory Chemistry	CHEM 1406
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	CRIJ 2364

Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.

	Lee College	SHSU
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
PHED 1164	Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	KINE 2115
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices	CRIJ 2367
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices	CRIJ 2365
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America (LC-CJ4 Elective)	CRIJ 2362

CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	SHSU-CRIJ Elective
Lang/Phil/Culture	Suggested: PHIL 1301 For students who are eligible, SPAN 2311	PHIL 1301WOLC 2311

Criminal Justice - UHD

Foundations: These are the courses students need in order to progress in their career/college pathway, as they either provide a certificate or lay the groundwork for moving to the next set of courses.

	Lee College	UH Downtown
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
EDUC 1200	Learning Frameworks	UHD 1301 – up to registrar due to hour differences
ENGL 1301	English Composition I	ENG 1301
HIST 1301	History of the United States to 1877	HIST 1305
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice (Field of Study)	CJ 1301
Creative Arts	Suggested: ARTS 1303, 1304, or 1301 Other Core Options	ARTS 1301, 1302, or 1310
Kinesiology	Suggested: KINE 1304 or 1306	Free Elective
MATH 1332	Contemporary Math	MATH 1310
GOVT 2305	American Government	POLS 2305

Knowledge Building: These courses further the students' knowledge in the area of study and increase their preparation for the degree completion.

	Lee College	University of Houston
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
ENGL 1302	English Composition II	ENG 1302
HIST 1302	History of the United States after 1877	HIST 1306
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	POLS 2306
Life/Physical Science	Suggested: BIOL 1406, GEOL 1403 Other Science Core Options	BIOL 1301 & 1101; GEOL 1305 & 1105
Social & Behavioral Sciences	Suggested SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301 Other SBS Core Options	SOC 1303 or PSY 1303
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems & Practices (Field of Study)	CJ 2302

SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communication	COMM 2309
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law (Field of Study)	CJ Elective?

Completion: These are the courses the student needs in order to complete the degree plan and prepare to enter the workforce.

	Lee College	UH Downtown
Course	Course Title	Counts Toward
Life/Physical Science	Suggested: BIOL 1407, GEOL 1404 Other Science Core Options	BIOL 1302 & 1102; GEOL 1306 & 1106
Language, Philosophy, & Culture	Suggested: PHIL 1301, , ENGL 2327, ENGL 2328 Other LPC core options ENGL 2322, ENGL 2323 (UHD = ENG 2313, ENG 2314)	PHIL 1301, ENG 2311, ENG 2312
CRIJ 2328	Police System & Practices (Field of Study)	CJ 2301
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices (Field of Study)	CJ 2303
CRIJ elective	CRIJ 1307, CRIJ 2314, CRIJ 1313, CRIJ 2301, CRIJ 2323	CJ Elective?

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