

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Web Site: <https://twu.edu/criminal-justice/>

The Criminal Justice program provides students with a broad, general education with an emphasis on the social sciences.

Criminal justice studies the formal response to crime, including patterns of crime, theories of law and crime, and the formal responses to crime, both within and across societies. Criminal justice scholars study such topics as how and why societies punish criminals, and various issues in the nature, organization, and operation of police, courts, and correctional systems. As they work to understand the response to crime, criminal justice scholars find themselves faced with issues of human rights, inequality, and social justice.

The major in Criminal Justice is interdisciplinary and social science-based. Course offerings include Crime in America, Sociology of Deviance, Constitutional Law, Correctional Systems and Practices, Comparative Criminal Justice, and Women, Crime, and Justice. Opportunities for practical work experience are provided through internships and the University's Cooperative Education program.

Completion of a B.S. degree with a major in Criminal Justice requires that the student meet all the university's general requirements for the appropriate degree. The major in Criminal Justice consists of 57 semester credit hours as outlined below. A minor is optional and if elected, students are encouraged to consider such minors as accounting, business administration, computer science, economics, government, management, psychology, or sociology. Elective semester credit hours are available to allow the student to pursue individual interests as well as to further strengthen career preparation.

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills prepare students for success in a variety of professional settings. Developed through academic coursework, co-curricular engagement, and extracurricular involvement, these skills include communication, critical thinking, teamwork, ethical reasoning, adaptability, and digital literacy. Whether directly related to a student's major or serving as complementary strengths, marketable skills enhance career readiness and reflect TWU's commitment to producing graduates who are prepared to thrive in today's dynamic workforce.

1. Apply critical thinking, analytical reasoning skills, and criminological knowledge and skills to real-world settings.
2. Work with numbers and demonstrate quantitative skills.
3. Make a presentation on and write a non-technical report understood by non-academics.
4. Work with people in different groups characterized by race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic class, religion, or immigration status to achieve a goal.
5. Make an evidence-based argument.
6. Use computers to locate and analyze data.
7. Gather information and analyze social problems.

Admissions

All applicants must meet the general undergraduate admission requirements (<https://catalog.twu.edu/undergraduate/admission-information/>).

Degree Requirements

Total Semester Credit Hours (SCH): 120

Major: 57 SCH

Program Code: CRIMJUST.BS **CIP Code:** 43.0104.00

Texas Core Curriculum

Code	Title	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I (10)	3
ENG 1023	Composition II (10)	3
Mathematics (20)		3
Life & Physical Sciences (30)		6
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (40)		3
Creative Arts (50)		3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865 (60)	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present (60)	3
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government (70)	3
POLS 2023	Texas Government (70)	3
Social & Behavioral Sciences (80)		3
CAO: Multicultural-Women's Studies (90)		3
CAO: First Year Seminar, Wellness or Mathematics (91)		3
Total SCHs		42

Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	SCHs
POLS 3243	Criminal Law	3
POLS 4073	Constitutional Law: Governmental Structure	3
POLS 4083	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights	3
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems	3
SOCI 2133	Crime in America	3
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
SOCI 3003	Theories of Crime and Deviance	3
SOCI 3053	Social Research	3
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics	3
Race, Class, and Gender Inequality		9
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality	
SOCI 3093	Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States	
or SOCI 4053	Race, Crime, and Justice	
SOCI 3223	Women, Crime, and Justice	
Institutions (select 6 SCH)		6
POLS 3233	Police, Policies, and Practices	
SOCI 4043	Law and Society	
SOCI 4303	Correctional Systems and Practices	
or SOCI 4403	Community Corrections	
Electives (select 6 SCH)		6
SOCI 3523	Internet and Society	
SOCI 3723	Criminal Justice Ethics	

SOCI 4043	Law and Society	
SOCI 4083	Comparative Criminal Justice	
Electives (select 6 SCH)		6
POLS 2223	Criminal Investigation	
POLS 3253	Criminal Evidence and Procedure	
POLS 4503	Criminal Justice Internship	
SOCI 3043	Deviant Behavior and Social Control	
SOCI 3063	Topics in Urban Sociology	
SOCI 3113	Juvenile Delinquency	
SOCI 3303	Cultural Anthropology	
SOCI 3423	Individual and Society	
SOCI 3723	Criminal Justice Ethics	
SOCI 4083	Comparative Criminal Justice	
SOCI 4953	Internship	
Total SCHs		54

Departmental Requirements

Code	Title	SCHs
SOCI 1013	Introductory Sociology	3
Electives (21 SCH)		21

Recommended Plan of Study

First Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1013	Composition I	ENGL 1301	3
HIST 1013	History of the United States, 1492-1865	HIST 1301	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
Creative Arts Core			3
UNIV 1231	Learning Frameworks: the First-Year Seminar	EDUC 1100, EDUC 1200, EDUC 1300	1
Wellness or Math CAO Core			2
SCHs			15

Spring		TCCN	SCHs
ENG 1023	Composition II	ENGL 1302	3
HIST 1023	History of the United States, 1865 to the Present	HIST 1302	3
Life/Physical Sciences Core			3
Multicultural Women's Studies CAO Core			3
Elective			3
SCHs			15

Second Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 2013	U.S. National Government	GOVT 2305	3
SOCI 1013	Introductory Sociology	SOCI 1301	3
Language, Philosophy, and Culture Core			3
SOCI 2213	Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	3
Social/Behavioral Sciences Core			3
SCHs			15
Spring		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 2023	Texas Government	GOVT 2306	3
SOCI 1023	Current Social Problems	SOCI 1306	3

SOCI 2133	Crime in America	CRIJ 1307	3
Elective			3
Mathematics Core			3
SCHs			15

Third Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 3243	Criminal Law		3
SOCI 3053	Social Research		3
SOCI 3073	Social Inequality		3
SOCI 3163	Social Statistics		3
POLS 4073	Constitutional Law: Governmental Structure		3

SCHs			15
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Spring		TCCN	SCHs
SOCI 3003	Theories of Crime and Deviance		3
Select 3 semester credit hours			3
SOCI 3093 Racial and Ethnic Groups in the United States			
or 4053 or Race, Crime, and Justice			
SOCI 3223 Women, Crime, and Justice			
Select 9 semester credit hours of electives			9

SCHs			15
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Fourth Year

Fall		TCCN	SCHs
Select 6 semester credit hours			6
POLS 3233 Police, Policies, and Practices			
SOCI 4303 Correctional Systems and Practices or Community Corrections			
or 4403			
Select 6 semester credit hours			6
SOCI 3523 Internet and Society			
SOCI 3723 Criminal Justice Ethics			
SOCI 4043 Law and Society			
SOCI 4083 Comparative Criminal Justice			
Select 3 semester credit hours electives			3

SCHs			15
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Spring		TCCN	SCHs
POLS 4083	Constitutional Law: Individual Rights		3
Select 6 semester hours			6
POLS 2223 Criminal Investigation		CRIJ 2314	
POLS 4503 Criminal Justice Internship			
SOCI 3043 Deviant Behavior and Social Control			
SOCI 3063 Topics in Urban Sociology			
SOCI 3113 Juvenile Delinquency			
SOCI 3303 Cultural Anthropology			
SOCI 3423 Individual and Society			
SOCI 3723 Criminal Justice Ethics			
SOCI 4083 Comparative Criminal Justice			
SOCI 4953 Internship			
Select 6 semester credit hours electives			6

SCHs			15
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Total SCHs:			120
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