



**Transfer Degree Map: Victoria College  
Associate of Arts to  
Sam Houston State University  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**



**4 – Year Suggested Academic Plan for Transfer, 2025 – 2026 Catalog Year**

**First Year - Freshman**

VC Fall Semester				VC Spring Semester			
VC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	VC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	HIST 1302 (1)	HSTY 1302	United States History II	3
HIST 1301 (1)	HSTY 1301	United States History I	3	Creative Arts	Core 050	Core Curriculum 050: Creative Arts	3
MATH 13XX (2)	Core 020	Core Curriculum 020: Mathematics	3	Core 030	Core 030	Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	4
EDUC 1300*	Core 090	Learning Frameworks (Core 090)	3	ENGL 1302 (4)	ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
CRIJ 1301 (3)	CRIJ 2361	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	Core 090	Core 090	BCIS 1305 or COSC 1301	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>

**Second Year - Sophomore**

VC Fall Semester				VC Spring Semester			
VC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	VC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
Core 030	Core 030	Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	3	Literature	Elective	Additional Literature Course	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 2305	Federal Government	3	GOVT 2306 (5)	POLS 2306	Texas Government	3
Core 080	Core 080	Core Curriculum 080: Social and Behavioral Sciences	3	CRIJ 2313 (3)	CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems and Practices	3
Core 040	Core 040	Core Curriculum 040: Language, Philosophy, and Culture	3	CRIJ 2328 (3)	CRIJ 2367	Police System and Practices	3
CRIJ 1310 (3)	CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	Elective (3)	Elective	Elective to complete AA	2
<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>

**Victoria College Total Semester Hours: 60**

**Third Year - Junior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
CRIJ 2362	Criminology	3	CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research	3
ADV CRIJ (6)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6	ADV CRIJ (6)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6
Degree Spec. Course (5)	Degree Specific Courses (choose from list below)	3	Degree Spec. Course (5)	Degree Specific Courses (choose from list below)	3
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3	VCST 3350	Victimology	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year - Senior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice and Social Diversity	3	Adv. Elect. (7)	General Advanced Elective	6
ADV CRIJ (6)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6	ADV CRIJ (6)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345	Statistical Methods in Practice OR Psychological Statistics OR Social Statistics	3-4	Gen. Elect. (8)	General Electives	3
Degree Spec. Course (5)	Degree Specific Courses (choose from list below)	3	Degree Spec. Course (5)	Degree Specific Courses (choose from list below)	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15-16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

**SHSU Total Semester Hours: 60-61**



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**Notes/Comments:**

- (1) Students will need two (2) courses from Core 060: American History. Other options can be found [here](#).
- (2) MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.
- (3) Elective to complete hours for A.A. Note: CRIJ 2361, CRIJ 2364, CRIJ 2365, and CRIJ 2367 required for B.S.
- (4) Select one (1) of the following:
  - ENGL 1302 – Composition II
  - ENGL 2311 – Technical and Business Writing
- (5) Degree Specific Courses - Select five (5) from the following:
  - COMS 3370 - Intercultural Communication, COMS 3371- Conflict, Negotiation & Resolution,
  - COMS 3371 - Conflict, Negotiation, and Resolution
  - COMS 4366 - Deceptive Communication,
  - ECON 2300 - Introduction To Economics,
  - PHIL 2303 - Critical Thinking,
  - PHIL 3365 - Modern Philosophy,
  - POLS 2306 - Texas Government,
  - POLS 3393 - Social Policy,
  - PSYC 1301 - Introduction To Psychology,
  - PSYC 3331 - Abnormal Psychology,
  - PSYC 3383 - Psychology And The Law,
  - SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology,
  - SOCI 3324 - Social Inequality
- (6) Advanced CRIJ Electives - 3000 - 4000 level CRIJ courses
- (7) Advanced Electives = any 3000 - 4000 level course.
- (8) General elective to reach 120 total hours.

\*EDUC 1300 is required for all first-time-in-college students. If EDUC 1300 is not required, then student should select 3 credit hours from Core 090.

## Sam Houston State University – Transfer Information

### Program Specific Information:

#### ***Bachelor of Science: Criminal Justice***

- Student must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.
- 42 semester hours of advanced coursework (3000 or 4000 level) are the absolute minimum. Minimum number of semester hours in residence: 30 semester hours of which 24 must be advanced.
- Additional information: Reference the [Program Landing Page](#) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

### Transfer of Credit & Student Benefits:

- Reverse transfer of credit.
- [Be A Bearkat - Transfer \(shsu.edu\)](#)
- Bearkat Transfer Scholarship available to full-time students:
  - Please refer to <https://www.shsu.edu/cost-aid/types-of-aid/scholarships> for Transfer Scholarship Conditions and Renewal Scholarship Conditions
- Transfer Honors students admitted to SHSU:
  - will be accepted to SHSU's Honors College. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and satisfy other Honors College admission criteria (such as full-time enrollment of at least 12 hours)
  - may transfer up to 12 hours of transfer Honors credits
  - will be eligible for additional scholarships
  - may develop their transfer Honors thesis (if completed) into an SHSU Honors thesis (and thereby graduate "with Highest Honors")
  - will be eligible, if space permits, to live in SHSU's dorms