

4 - Year Suggested Academic Plan for Transfer, 2025 - 2026 Catalog Year

First Year - Freshman

COM Fall Semester				COM Spring Semester			
COM	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	COM	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
PSYC 1300 or EDUC 1300 (1)	Gen. Elective	Psychology for Success OR Psychology for Success	3	ENGL 1302 (4)	ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	HIST 1302 (2)	HSTY 1302	U S History II	3
HIST 1301 (2)	HSTY 1301	U S History I	3	SPCH 1315 or SPCH 1318	(Core 090)	Public Speaking OR Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH 1332 (3)	MATH 1332	Contemporary Math (Quantitative Reasoning)	3	PSYC 2301 (5)	PSYC 1301	General Psychology	3
CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 2361	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 1306 (6)	CRIJ 2394	Court Systems and Practices	3
Total			15	Total			15

Second Year - Sophomore

COM Fall Semester				COM Spring Semester			
COM	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	COM	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
GOVT 2305	POLS 2305	Federal Government	3	Lang., Phil., & Culture (9)	(Core 040)	Core Curriculum 040: Language, Philosophy, & Culture	3
Life Phys. Sci. (7)	(Core 030)	Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	4	GOVT 2306 (5)	POLS 2306	Texas Government	3
Creative Arts (8)	(Core 050)	Core Curriculum 030: Creative Arts	3	Life Phys. Sci. (7)	(Core 030)	Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	4
CRIJ 1310	CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	CRIJ 2313	CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems and Practices	3
PHED 1164	KINE 2115	Introduction to Physical Fitness	1	CRIJ 2328	CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices	3
Total			14	Total			16

College of the Mainland 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 Adv. Elect. (10)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6
CRIJ Adv. Elect. (10)	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	Degree Spec. Course (5)	Degree Specific Courses (choose from list below)	3
ENGL 3330	Introduction to Technical Writing	3	CRIJ 3378	Introduction To Methods Of Research	3
Total		15	Total		15

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. (11)	General Advanced Electives	6
VCST 3350	Victimology	3	CRIJ Adv. Elect. (10)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ Adv. Elect. (10)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	6	Gen. Elect. (1)	General Electives	6
STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345	Statistical Methods in Practice OR Psychological Statistics OR Social Statistics	3-4			
Total		15-16	Total		15

SHSU Total Semester Hours: 60 - 61

Notes/Comments:

- (1) General elective to reach 120 total hours.
- (2) Select two (2) of the following:
 - HIST 1301 - U S History I
 - HIST 1302 - U S History II
 - HIST 2301 - Texas History
- (3) MATH 1342 or MATH 1332 is recommended.
- (4) Select one (1) of the following:
 - ENGL 1302 - Composition II
 - ENGL 2311 - Technical Writing
- (5) Degree Specific Courses - Select five (5) from the following:
 - COMS 3370 - Intercultural Communication, COMS 3371- Conflict, Negotiation & 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) Criminal Justice **Field of Study Course**
- (7) Select two (2) of the following:
 - GEOL 1447 - Meteorology
 - ASTR 1403 - Stars and Galaxies
 - ASTR 1404 - Solar System
- (8) Select one (1) of the following:
 - MUSI 1306 - Music Appreciation
 - MUSI 1310 - American Music
 - DRAM 2366 - Film Appreciation
- (9) Select one (1) of the following:
 - HUMA 1301 - Introduction to the Humanities I
 - PHIL 1301 - Introduction to Philosophy
 - PHIL 2306 - Introduction to Ethics
- (10) CRIJ Adv. Elect. = Advanced CRIJ Electives - 3000 - 4000 level CRIJ courses.
- (11) Advanced Electives = any 3000 - 4000 level course.

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 <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/scholarships/transfer.html> 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