



**Associate of Arts Field of Study: Criminal Justice to  
Sam Houston State University  
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice (online)**



**4 – Year Suggested Academic Plan for Transfer, 2024-2025 Catalog Year**

**First Year - Freshman**

LSC Fall Semester				LSC Spring Semester			
LSC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	LSC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
EDUC 1300 (1)	Gen. Elective	Learning Framework: 1 <sup>st</sup> Year Exp.	3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302	Composition & Rhetoric II	3
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	Composition and Rhetoric I	3	HIST 1302	HIST 1302	U.S. History II	3
HIST 1301	HIST 1301	U.S. History I	3	Creative Arts	(Core 050)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum 050: Creative Arts	3
CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 2361	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 1306	Gen. Electives (CRIJ 2394)	Court Systems & Practices	3
PHED 1164	KINE 2115	Intro. to Physical Fitness & Wellness	1	MATH 1342 or MATH 1332 (2)	(Core 020)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum 020: Mathematics	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>13</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>15</b>

**Second Year - Sophomore**

LSC Fall Semester				LSC Spring Semester			
Life Phys. Sci.	(Core 030)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	4	CRIJ 2328	CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices	3
CRIJ 1310	CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	Life Phys. Sci.	(Core 030)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum 030: Life & Physical Sciences	4
CRIJ 2313	CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems & Practices	3	CRIJ 1307	CRIJ 2362	Crime in America	3
FOS (3)	Hrs. to 120	Criminal Justice FOS– Directed Elective	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 2306	Texas Government	3
GOVT 2305	POLS 2305	Federal Government	3	Lang. Phil. Cult.	(Core 040)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum (contact Advisor for best option)	3
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>

**Lone Star College Total Semester Hours: 60**

**Third Year - Junior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
CRIJ 3378	Intro To Methods Of Research	3	CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
Foreign Lang.	Beginning Foreign Language I	4	Foreign Lang.	Beginning Foreign Language I	4
CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3	CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3	Adv. Electives (5)	Advanced Electives	3
ENGL 3330	Intro to Technical Writing	3	Choose from the following: STAT 3379, MATH 3379, PSYC 3402, or SOCI 3345		
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>16-17</b>

**Fourth Year - Senior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
Gen. Electives	General Electives	4	Adv. Electives (5)	Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ 4385	Criminal Justice & Social Diversity	3	VCST 3350	Victimology	3
CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3	CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3
CRIJ Adv. El. (4)	CRIJ Advanced Electives	3	Foreign Lang.	Intermediate II Foreign Language	3
Foreign Lang. (6)	Intermediate I Foreign Language	3			
<b>Total</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

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

**Notes/Comments:**

- EDUC 1300 is only required for First Time in College Students (FTIC). Students exempt from the Student Success Course requirement will complete a course from the Criminal Justice FOSC Directed Electives list.
- Recommend MATH 1342 or MATH 1332.
- Criminal Justice FOSC Directed Electives: CRIJ1313 - Juvenile Justice System, CRIJ2314 - Criminal Investigation, ENGL2311 - Technical & Business Writing, PSYC2301 - General Psychology, SPAN1411 - Beginning Spanish I, SPCH1311 - Introduction To Communication
- CRIJ Adv. El. = Advanced CRIJ Electives - 3000 - 4000 level CRIJ courses
- Advanced Electives = any 3000 - 4000 level course
- Satisfies Core Curriculum Component Area IV: Language, Philosophy, & Culture



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Sam Houston State University – Transfer Information

**Program Specific Information:**

***Bachelor of Arts in 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.
- Intermediate I Foreign Language and Intermediate II Foreign Language satisfy the requirement for Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) as well as three hours of Component Area IX (Component Area Option).
- 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
- LSC 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 LSC Honors credits
  - will be eligible for additional scholarships
  - may develop their LSC 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

**Field Of Study Courses:**

**Designated Core Courses in the Field of Study:**

CRIJ1301 - Intro To Criminal Justice

**Discipline Foundation Courses:**

CRIJ1306 - Court Systems & Practices

CRIJ1310 - Fundamentals Of Criminal Law

CRIJ2313 - Correctional Systems & Practices

CRIJ2328 - Police Systems & Practices

FOS courses are guaranteed to transfer and apply to degree programs at all Texas public institutions of higher education, including community colleges, state and technical colleges, universities, and health-related institutions. This means the courses will transfer and apply from a two-year to a four-year institution, from a two-year to a two-year institution, from a four-year to a two-year institution, and from a four-year to a four-year institution.

<https://reportcenter.highered.texas.gov/reports/data/criminal-justice-field-of-study-curriculum/>