

SHSU Catalog (2025/2026)

	Bachelor of	Science	, Criminal Just	ice		
CORE REQUIREMENTS	Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology			936.294.3529 cjprograms@shsu.edu		
Course Name		Hours	TCCNS	SHSU		
Communication (6 hours)						
Composition I		3	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301		
Composition II		3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302		
Mathematics (3 hours)						
Elementary Statistics OR College Mathematics		3	MATH 1342 MATH 1332	MATH 1342 MATH 1332		
Life & Physical Sciences (6 hours)						
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.						
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hours)						
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.						
Creative Arts (3 hours)						
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.						
American History (6 hours)						
United States History to 1876		3	HIST 1301	HSTY 1301		
United States History since 1876		3	HIST 1302	HSTY 1302		
Government/Political Science (6 hours)						
American Government		3	GOVT 2305	POLS 2305		
Texas Government ³		3	GOVT 2306	POLS 2306		
Social & Behavioral Science (3 hours) ^{1,2}						
Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.						
Component Area Option Recommendations (6 hours)						
Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.						
MAJOR REQUIREMENTS Full degree can be found here: https://www.shsu.edu/programs/bachelor-degree-in-criminal-justice/						

Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU			
Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 2361			
Criminology	3	CRIJ 1307	CRIJ 2362			
Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	CRIJ 1310	CRIJ 2364			
Correctional Systems & Practice	3	CRIJ 2313	CRIJ 2365			
Police Systems & Practices	3	CRIJ 2328	CRIJ 2367			
Additional Social Science Requirements ²						
Introduction to Economics	3	ECON 1301	ECON 2300			
Critical Thinking	3	PHIL 2303	PHIL 2303			
Introduction to Psychology	3	PSYC 2301	PSYC 1301			
Introduction to Sociology	3	SOCI 1301	SOCI 1301			

^{*}SHSU accepts a maximum of 70 credit hours: 66 academic hours + 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) hours. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework, overall major GPA, SHSU GPA, and SHSU major GPA.

A minor is not required for this degree program.

Full Degree Available On-Campus & Online

- 1 CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
- 2 The BS degree requires 5 additional social science courses outside of the core. The 4 courses recommended above are traditionally offered at most TX community colleges.
- 3 Can count towards 1 of 5 required social science classes.