

Juvenile Justice, BSCJ

Bachelor of Science in Juvenile Justice Degree Program Requirements

Complete Core Curriculum Listing at <https://catalog.pvamu.edu/universitycorecurriculum/>

Core Curriculum 42 Credit Hours

Communication Core (Select Two)	6
Mathematics (Select One)	3
Life and Physical Sciences (Select Two)	6
Language, Philosophy, and Culture (Select One)	3
Creative Arts (Select One)	3
American History Core (Select Two)	6
Government/Political Science	6
POSC 2305 American Government	
POSC 2306 Texas Government	
Social and Behavioral Sciences (Select One)	3
Component Area Option One (Select One)	3
Component Area Option Two (Select One)	3

College of Juvenile Justice Language Requirements 6

Foreign Language Electives (One Language; One Sequence)

Support Area Requirements 3

Select one from the following:

MATH 1342 Elementary Statistics	
PSYC 2317 Statistical Methods in Psychology	
SOCG 4305 Social Statistics	

Major Requirements for Juvenile Justice 36

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice	
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices	
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice Systems	
CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices	
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices	
CRIJ 2372 Theory and Development of Juvenile Gangs	
CRIJ 2374 Law of Juvenile Justice	
CRIJ 3362 Criminal Law	
CRIJ 3373 Juvenile Probation and Parole	
CRIJ 3382 Criminal Justice Research Methods I	
CRIJ 4392 Criminology	
CRIJ 4398 Ethical Decision-Making in Criminal Justice	

Two Criminal Justice Electives 6

Unrestricted Electives ¹ 27

Total Hours 120

¹ Students may use their unrestricted electives to complete a minor. The student is responsible for ensuring that all of the requirements are met. Students are advised to select minors in areas that are supportive of the criminal justice field such as psychology, human development, sociology, social work, political science, economics or foreign language. If the minor requires less than 27 credit hours the difference should be made up in unrestricted electives. If no minor is selected, the total unrestricted electives would be 27 hours. Students are advised to select electives in areas that are supportive of the criminal justice field.

Bachelor of Science in Juvenile Justice Degree Sequence

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Freshman

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Communication Core		3 Communication Core	3
Mathematics Core		3 Life and Physical Sciences Core	3
Language, Philosophy & Culture Core		3 Creative Arts Core	3
American History Core		3 American History Core	3
CRIJ 1301		3 CRIJ 1306	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Sophomore**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Life and Physical Sciences Core		3 Social and Behavioral Sciences Core	3
Government/Political Science Core POSC 2305		3 Government/Political Science Core POSC 2306	3
Component Area Option One Core		3 Support Required Social Statistics	3
CRIJ 2313		3 CRIJ 1313	3
CRIJ 2328		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Junior**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
Component Area Option Two Core		3 Foreign Language II	3
Foreign Language I		3 CRIJ 2374	3
CRIJ 2372		3 CRIJ 3382	3
CRIJ 3362		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
CRIJ Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30**Senior**

Fall - Semester 1	Hours	Spring - Semester 2	Hours
CRIJ 4392		3 CRIJ 3373	3
CRIJ 4398		3 CRIJ Elective	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Unrestricted Elective		3 Unrestricted Elective	3
Total		15 Total	15

Total Hours: 30

Name	Unit
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Total Semester Credit Hours: 120

Marketable Skills

Marketable skills, as defined by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's 60x30TX Plan (<http://www.60x30tx.com/>), include interpersonal, cognitive, and applied skills that are valued by employers, and can be either primary or complimentary to a major. Marketable skills are acquired by students through education, including curricular, co-curricular, and extracurricular activities.

BSCJ Juvenile Justice***Degree Skills***

1. Working knowledge and application of criminal justice terminology
2. Ability to supervise and manage workforce and clients

3. Ability to work with diverse individuals and communities with issues related to criminal justice and social justice.
4. Effective use of verbal communication in the workplace
5. Written and communication skills appropriate in criminal justice service agencies.
6. Problem-solving skills

Concentration Skills

1. Appropriate use of terminology related to their area of concentration (Policing, Corrections, Legal Studies, Juvenile Justice, Criminalistics)
2. Effective understanding and application of knowledge to their area of concentration (Policing, Corrections, Legal Studies, Juvenile Justice, Criminalistics)
3. Working knowledge of legal analysis
4. Ability and interest in working with children and adolescents
5. Working knowledge of crime trends and analysis
6. Management skills in various settings such as Social Services, Emergency Management

Co-curricular and Extracurricular Skills

1. Leadership
2. Time management
3. Teamwork
4. Good judgment and work ethic
5. Cultural competency and awareness of diversity issues
6. Grit
7. Resourcefulness