

Degree: Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) - Tech Prep

Length: Four-Semester (Two-Year) Program

Purpose: The curriculum in correctional science prepares individuals for career services with the Texas Department of Corrections, with juveniles in institutions, and with related correctional occupations. Supported by a broad general education, training is given to develop professional competence in the field of contemporary corrections. This curriculum is applicable to both the preparatory student and the experienced correctional worker.

Admission Requirements: In addition to the general requirements for admission to the College, entry into the correctional science program requires the following:

1. Degree plan must be approved by the Criminal Justice Department Chairperson.
2. Satisfactory results on required tests.
3. Special Requirements: For employment with correctional agencies, the following qualifications are often prerequisites: (a) excellent physical condition free from any physical or mental condition which might adversely affect acceptance or performance as a correctional officer; (b) normal hearing, color vision, and eye functions; (c) weight in proportion to height; and (d) excellent moral character.

Program Requirements: Approximately one-half of the curriculum includes courses in correctional science with the remaining courses in related areas, general education, and electives. Instruction includes both the theoretical concepts and practical applications needed for future success in correctional work. Students are urged to consult with their faculty advisor and the Office of Admissions & Academic Advising in planning their program and selecting electives. Upon satisfactory completion of the program, the graduate will be awarded the Associate in Applied Science Degree.

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<i>Course Number</i>	<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Lecture Hours</i>	<i>Lab Hours</i>	<i>Credits</i>
First Semester				
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	0	3
CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices	3	0	3
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3	0	3
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	0	3
COSC 1401	Microcomputer Applications	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>
		15	3	16
Second Semester				
CJCR 1304	Probation and Parole	3	0	3
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	0	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America	3	0	3
Elective	Visual & Performing Arts/Humanities Core	3	0	3
MATH 1314 or	College Algebra or	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I	15	0	15
Third Semester				
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems and Practices	3	0	3
CRIJ 2301	Community Resources in Corrections	3	0	3
CJSA 1364	Practicum - Criminal Justice Studies	1	21	3
CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course	3	0	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		13	21	15
Fourth Semester				
CJSA 1365	Practicum - Criminal Justice Studies	1	21	3
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems & Practices	2	3	3
CJSA1325	Criminology	3	0	3
SPCH 1318	Interpersonal Communication	3	0	3
Elective	College Level	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>
		12	24	15

Total Minimum Credits Required for the Correctional Science Degree61