

# Criminal Justice Field of Study

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*An Associate of Arts with a Criminal Justice Field of Study requires 60 credit hours.*

The Associate of Arts - Criminal Justice Field of Study degree provides general academic courses and electives which enable students who intend to major in criminal justice or criminology to transfer these credits to a college or university which offers baccalaureate degrees in criminal justice or criminology. Students planning to transfer will have a solid foundation upon which to build as they pursue further studies in criminal justice or criminology.

Upon completion of the Field of Study curriculum, a certificate will be awarded to acknowledge completion and readiness to transition from an associate level to a baccalaureate (BA / BS) level, at any Texas public institution.

The FOS includes the five specified courses listed below. Students may also add an additional six credit hours of course work from the “Recommended Electives” which may be transferred by local agreement to the university or which may be required by the receiving university, as long as the additional course work does not duplicate content already covered in the other FOS courses.

## **Certificate – Criminal Justice Field of Study**

15 credit hours

### **Required Courses**

CRIJ	1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice
CRIJ	1306	Court Systems and Practices
CRIJ	1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law
CRIJ	2313	Correctional Systems and Practices
CRIJ	2328	Police Systems and Practices

To complete the AA degree, in addition to the Field of Study Certificate, complete the remaining [General Education Core](#) requirements and recommended elective credit hours.

### **Recommended Electives to complete AA**

**3 credit hours**

CRIJ	1307	Crime in America
CRIJ	1313	Juvenile Justice System
CRIJ	2314	Criminal Investigation
CRIJ	2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement