



Certificate Criminal Justice Field of Study

15 credit hours

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

CRIJ 1301: Introduction to Criminal Justice	3 credit hours (A)
This course provides a historical and philosophical overview of the American criminal justice system, including the nature, extent, and impact of crime; criminal law; and justice agencies and processes.	
CRIJ 1306: Court Systems and Practices	3 credit hours (A)
This course is a study of the court system as it applies to the structures, procedures, practices and sources of law in American courts, using federal and Texas statutes and case law.	
CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3 credit hours (A)
This course is the study of criminal law including application of definitions, statutory elements, defenses and penalties using Texas statutes, the Model Penal Code, and case law. The course also analyzes the philosophical and historical development of criminal law and criminal culpability.	
CRIJ 2313: Correctional Systems and Practices	3 credit hours (A)
This course is a survey of institutional and non-institutional corrections. Emphasis will be placed on the organization and operation of correctional systems; treatment and rehabilitation; populations served; Constitutional issues; and current and future issues.	
CRIJ 2328: Police Systems and Practices	3 credit hours (A)
This course examines the establishment, role and function of police in a democratic society. It will focus on types of police agencies and their organizational structure, police-community interaction, police ethics, and use of authority.	

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MARKETABLE SKILLS

- Critically analyze and assess criminal justice theory, policy, and procedure using scholarly empirical evidence.
- Work with heightened sensitivity to diverse issues within the community.
- Present material in a formal setting.
- Communicate clearly and effectively through written material in a scholarly and formal manner.
- Apply interpersonal communication skills to participate in a scholarly debate on controversial topics; participate in academic discussions with peers.
- Work with integrity and honesty.
- Make sound decisions with clarity and think independently.