

# Associate of Arts (AA) in Criminal Justice\*

## EXPECTED DEGREE

### AA in Criminal Justice (60 sch)

\*Students following this degree plan will be required to pass Computer Competency Exam in order to graduate.

\*\* Please see an academic advisor or Criminal Justice department chair to discuss degree requirements for your transfer university.

<sup>1</sup> If you cannot take 15 hours in the semester, we recommend you take this course in the summer.

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The **Criminal Justice Department** provides quality educational opportunities that allow students the ability to achieve their career goals and to meet the demanding challenges in the criminal justice field while preparing students to be excellent employees for criminal justice agencies in the Bell County area. AA CJ students will be well prepared for university transfer for a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. Student interested in transfer should speak with an academic advisor or Criminal Justice department chair to determine transferrable

## 2016-2017 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

FIRST SEMESTER	Course Schedule	SCH	Advising Notes:
Communications	ENGL 1301 - Composition I	3	<b>**Meet with an academic advisor or department chair for university specific transfer course.</b>  <b>DO THIS:</b> Meet with an academic advisor or department chair to obtain copy of transfer university degree plan and to determine G.P.A. needed to transfer to desired university.
Mathematics	MATH 1314 or 1442**	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	CRIJ 1301 - Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	CRIJ 1306 - Court Systems and Practices	3	
American History	HIST 1301 - United States History I <sup>1</sup>	3	
	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
SECOND SEMESTER	Course Schedule	SCH	Advising Notes:
Communications	ENGL 1302 - Composition II	3	<b>**Meet with an academic advisor or department chair for university specific transfer course.</b>  <b>DO THIS:</b> Schedule a campus tour with transfer university.
Component Area Option	BCIS 1305 - Business Computer Applications	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	CRIJ 2328 - Police Systems and Practices	3	
Social/Behavioral Science	SOCI 2336 - Criminology**	3	
American History	HIST 1302 - United States History II <sup>1</sup>	3	
	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
THIRD SEMESTER	Course Schedule	SCH	Advising Notes:
Life and Physical Sciences	Any course from Life/Physical Science core**	3	<b>**Meet with an academic advisor or department chair for university specific transfer course.</b>  <b>DO THIS:</b> Confirm courses for completion of AA degree by meeting with an academic advisor or department chair.  <b>DO THIS:</b> Start applying for admission to transfer university, and send first official transcript to transfer university.
Government/Political Science	GOVT 2305 - Federal Government	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	CRIJ 1310 - Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	CRIJ 2313 - Correctional Systems and Practices	3	
Component Area Option	SPCH 1311 or SPCH 1315** <sup>1</sup>	3	
	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
FOURTH SEMESTER	Course Schedule	SCH	Advising Notes:
Life and Physical Sciences	Any course from Life/Physical Science core**	3	<b>**Meet with an academic advisor or department chair for university specific transfer course.</b>  <b>DO THIS:</b> Apply for graduation for AA Criminal Justice.  <b>DO THIS:</b> Confirm admission to transfer university, and send final official transcript to transfer university at end of semester.
Government/Political Science	GOVT 2306 - Texas Government	3	
Language, Philosophy, and Culture	Any course from Lang/Phil/Culture core**	3	
CRIJ Course Requirement	See advisor or Dept. Chair for final CRIJ course	3	
Creative Arts	One course from Creative Arts core** <sup>1</sup>	3	
	<b>Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>15</b>	
	<b>Total Semester Credit Hours</b>	<b>60</b>	

## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

### Emergency Dispatcher

\$31,276

w/ Associate's Degree + Certification

### Correctional Officer/Jailer

\$34,745

w/Associate's Degree + Peace Off. License

### Private Detective/Investigator

\$39,542

w/ Private Investigator License

### Paralegals/Legal Assistants

\$43,104

w/ Bachelor's Degree + Certification

### Legal Support Worker

\$47,533

w/ Bachelor's Degree

### Police Officer

\$47,585

w/ Police Academy Graduation

\*\*\*Important Note: AA CRIJ students are strongly encouraged to complete the following courses prior to transfer:

**PSYC 2301 - General Psychology**