

CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACADEMIC MAP: DEGREE BS (120 CREDIT HOURS)

This degree map is a semester-by-semester course schedule for students majoring in [Criminal Justice](#). The milestones listed to the right of each semester are designed to keep you on track to graduate in four years. The schedule serves as a general guideline to help build a full schedule each semester. Milestones are courses and special requirements necessary for timely progress to complete a major. When one or more milestones are missed, students should consult with an academic advisor to determine if another degree path would be more suitable.

The Department of Criminal Justice (CJ) offers a wide range of courses focusing on all aspects of the criminal justice system, with a special emphasis on corrections. Courses prescribed in the areas of Psychology and Sociology provides students with a broad background in the social sciences; and it is an excellent pre-law major. Students may even earn a minor in Psychology by completing PSYC 2010 and 18 additional credit hours of 3000-4000 level courses. Note that CJ majors are required to enroll in PSYC 2010 during the 3rd semester of matriculation (see below). Where designated, students may enroll in upper division courses in any discipline; however, the Department recommends taking upper division electives in [Psychology and Sociology](#).

Students in the Department of Criminal Justice are expected to maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. The major core of courses consists of 45 semester hours of CJ course work with at least 33 credit hours being taken at the 3000 – 4000 level; an additional 15 credit hours at the 3000 and 4000 level should be criminal justice upper division electives. To enroll in **upper division (UD) Criminal Justice courses/electives (3000-4000 numbered courses)**, students must meet the following requirements: (a) complete the Lower Division criminal justice classes (CRMJ 2000, 2010, 2020 and 2030) with a minimum grade of “C” and have a GPA of 2.0 or better. CJ majors may not have “Ds” in the major field. If probationary status is incurred, students are expected to repeat failed courses, or courses in which ‘Ds’ are earned. The Department has a special program to assist students who are on probation. Please contact the Department Chair for details.

Tennessee State University recognizes that students have diverse learning, life, and professional experiences. For example, in the Department of Criminal Justice, police and/or correctional officers who have completed basic training at city or state academies, receive credit for the Senior Practicum (CRMJ 4000) by registering for it and completing a research paper.

The University also provides opportunities for students to earn college credit toward the degree through a number of assessment options that evaluate their learning experiences. These paths are grouped under the category “Prior Learning Assessment” (PLA). Various means of earning PLA credit at TSU are the following: Advance Placement Program, American Council of Education (ACE) Military Credit, American Council on Education (ACE) other Assessed Credit, College Level Exam Program (CLEP), DSST Credit by Examination Program (includes DANTES Examination), Institutional Course Challenge Exams (Departmental Exams), International Baccalaureate Credit, Other Military Service, Portfolio Assessment. To learn more about PLA contact your academic advisor or the Office of Student Support Services for Adult and Distance Learners (615) 963-7001.

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Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 1	Hrs.	Semester 1
ENGL 1010	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before ENGL 1020, and HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade “C” Required
UNIV 1000	1	
CRMJ 2000	3	Minimum grade of “C” required
Math 1110	3	May substitute Math 1013 (Contemporary Math)
Natural Science w/lab*	4	
Total hours	14	

*Natural Science-Student must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses for the first semester are: BIOL 1010/1011, CHEM 1030/1031, or ASTR 1010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 2	Hrs.	Semester 2
ENGL 1020	3	Pre-Requisite Course: Must be taken before taking HIST 2010, HIST 2020, HIST 2030, HIST 2050 or HIST 2700; Minimum grade "C" Required
COMM 2200	3	
CRMJ 2010	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
Natural Science w/lab*	4	
SOCI 2010	3	
Total hours	16	

*Natural Science-Must have 8 semester hours which includes the appropriate labs. Recommended courses for the second semester are: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1040/1041, or ASTR 1020.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 3	Hrs.	Semester 3
HIST 2010	3	
ENGL Literature*	3	
CRMJ 2020	3	Minimum required Grade of "C" required
PSYC 2010	3	
Humanities Elective**	3	
Total hours	15	

*Any course within the range of ENGL 2012-2322 will meet this requirement; must have 3 credit hours in this discipline.

**Humanities-Must take a course from the following list: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1210, HIST 1220 or RELS 2010.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 4	Hrs.	Semester 4
CRMJ 2030	3	Minimum required Grade of "C" required
SOCI 2300	3	
SOCI 3000/or PSYC 2180	3	May substitute PSYC 2180 (Elementary Statistics); Must be completed before taking CRMJ 3000
Humanities Elective*	3	
COMP 1210	3	
Total hours	15	

*Humanities-Must take a course from the following list: AREN 2310, ART, 1010, THTR 1020, MUSC 1010, PHIL 1030, HIST 1210, HIST 1220 or RELS 2010 (Do not duplicate course taken in semester 3).

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 5	Hrs.	Semester 5
CRMJ 3000	3	Must be completed before taking CRMJ 4500; Minimum required Grade of "C" required
ENGL 3106	3	
LD/UD Elective*	3	
UD CRMJ Elective **	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
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Total hours	15	

*Students may take any Lower Division (LD) or Upper Division (UD) course from **ANY** department; however, courses selected from the Social Sciences (Psychology or Sociology) are recommended. The choice could include: LD- PSYC 2420, SOCI 2400; UD-PSYC 3120, PSYC 3150, PSYC 3180, 3210, or SOCI 3000, SOCI 3330, SOCI 3500, SOCI 4000, SOCI 4100, SOCI 4600.

**Upper Division CRMJ Electives: CRMJ 3010, CRMJ 3020, CRMJ 3030, CRMJ 3040, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3060, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3080, CRMJ 3090, CRMJ 3100, CRMJ 3130, CRMJ 3210, CRMJ 3220, CRMJ 3230, CRMJ 3300, CRMJ 3310, CRMJ 4010, CRMJ 4050, CRMJ 4100a, CRMJ 4100b, CRMJ 4200, CRMJ 4220, Special Topics - CRMJ 4300, CRMJ 4310, CRMJ 4320.

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 6	Hrs.	Semester 6
UD CRMJ Elective*	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
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LD/UD Elective**	3	
UD Elective ***	3	
UD Elective***	3	
Total hours	15	

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Special Topics - CRMJ 4300, CRMJ 4310, CRMJ 4320. (Do not duplicate courses from a previous semester)

Students may take a lower division or upper division elective from **ANY department. The choice could include: LD- PSYC 2420, SOCI 2400; UD-PSYC 3120, PSYC 3150, PSYC 3180, 3210, or SOCI 3000, SOCI 3330, SOCI 3500, SOCI 4000, SOCI 4100, SOCI 4600.

***Students may take an upper division elective from **ANY** department. The choice could include: UD-PSYC 3120, PSYC 3150, PSYC 3180, 3210, or SOCI 3000, SOCI 3330, SOCI 3500, SOCI 4000, SOCI 4100, SOCI 4600.

Fall Schedule		Milestones
Semester 7	Hrs.	Semester 7
UD elective*	3	
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UD CRMJ Elective**	3	Minimum grade of "C" required
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Total hours	15	

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**Upper Division Electives: CRMJ 3010, CRMJ 3020, CRMJ 3030, CRMJ 3040, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3060, CRMJ 3050, CRMJ 3080, CRMJ 3090, CRMJ 3100, CRMJ 3130, CRMJ 3210, CRMJ 3220, CRMJ 3230, CRMJ 3300, CRMJ 3310, CRMJ 4010, CRMJ 4050, CRMJ 4100a, CRMJ 4100b, CRMJ 4200, CRMJ 4220, Special Topics - CRMJ 4300, CRMJ 4310, CRMJ 4320. (Do not duplicate courses from any previous semester)

Spring Schedule		Milestones
Semester 8	Hrs.	Semester 8
		Take Senior Exit Exam and Apply for Graduation
CRMJ 4000	12	Minimum grade of "C" required
CRMJ 4500	3	Must complete CRMJ 3000 before taking this course; Minimum grade of "C" required
Total hours	15	

Employment Information:

At the undergraduate level, the criminology/criminal justice major prepares students for employment in a wide variety of criminal justice agencies, under local, state and federal jurisdictions, as well as the private sector. All students are required to complete 320 hours of internship that prepares them for career placement upon graduation. This major can also serve as a foundation for graduate study in criminology, law, social work, sociology, psychology, and government including public administration. At the graduate level, the Criminology/Criminal Justice major leads primarily to teaching and research positions with colleges and universities, and secondarily to upper-level administrative positions in the field of criminal justice and in research departments attached to various criminal and juvenile justice agencies.

Representative Job Titles Related to this Major:

Law Enforcement Officer, Youth Counselor (state level or private agency), Probation Officer, Parole Officer (adult or juvenile setting), Correctional Counselor, Prison Case Manager, Administrator (criminal/juvenile justice agencies), Consumer Safety Officer, Correctional Officer, Private Investigator, Private/Corporate Security Officer/Director, Air Marshal, Legislative Analyst.

Representative Employers:

Juvenile justice agencies (state, local, private), probation and parole offices, U.S. Department of Justice, state and local correctional institutions, U.S. Customs, Immigration/Border Patrol, local police and sheriff departments, colleges and universities, private detective agencies, business and industry, private correctional corporations, legislative branch of state government, Central Intelligence Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation.

International study is available for all TSU students and may include opportunities for internships or taking course work towards various minors. International study may have an impact on the MAP; therefore, it is important to consult with the academic advisor for this major before participating in an international Program opportunity. Students interested in study abroad opportunities should contact the Office of International Programs and consult with their academic advisor.

This map is not intended to be a contract; either expressed or implied, between the University and the students, but represents a flexible program of the current curriculum which may be altered from time to time to carry out the academic objectives of the University. TSU specifically reserves the right to change, delete or add to any MAP at any time within the student's period of study at the University.