

SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

GUIDED PATHWAY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE – FIELD OF STUDY

For more information, visit the [Criminal Justice for Academic Transfer website](#) and your academic advisor at your college.

This guided pathway is designed to meet the needs of students who plan to major in Criminal Justice at a university. An Associate of Arts degree in this pathway prepares you to transfer to a university to earn a Bachelor's degree that opens the door to a career in corrections, probation, government and private security settings.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in Criminal Justice. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an AA degree with a Field of Study in Criminal Justice², which will increase your chances of transfer to bachelor's-level programs. Courses that complete the Degree (D) are noted below. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

Visit [Transfer Services](#) to view the Top 15 colleges and universities to which students at the colleges of DCCCD transfer. There, you can also view [Transfer Pathways](#) with local universities. Visit with your academic advisor to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university.



COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS

Enrolling in one or more courses may be necessary if assessment activities and previous academic experiences indicate a need for additional knowledge and skills:

READING & WRITING PLACEMENT

TSI READING MET: YES NO
TSI WRITING MET: YES NO

MATH PLACEMENT

TSI MATH MET: YES NO

ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

ENGLISH PROFICIENCY: YES NO

IF TSI OR ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY NOT MET, INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

DREA / DWRI / DIRW (CIRCLE ONE)

DMAT _____

ESOL _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

OTHER: _____

Exemptions/waivers may exist. Speak with an academic advisor regarding placement in college readiness courses and your ability to enroll in core academic coursework.

SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS³ ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C ENGL 1301 – Composition I	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm your academic and career goals by the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> At the end of the semester, begin researching colleges and universities where you would want to major in Criminal Justice. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a Criminal Justice degree.
♦	C HIST 1301 – United States History I	
♦	C MATH X3XX Core Elective*	
♦	C RIJ 1301 – Introduction to Criminal Justice	
♦	C SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication OR	
♦	C SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking OR	
♦	C SPCH 1321 – Business and Professional Communication OR	
♦	C PHED 1164 – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16		
D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C ENGL 1302 – Composition II	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study. <input type="checkbox"/> Ask about transfer advising to discuss options to pursue the bachelor's degree.
♦	C HIST 1302 – United States History II*	
♦	C RIJ 1307 – Crime in America	
♦	C RIJ 1306 – Court Systems and Practices	
♦	C SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology*	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15		
D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C X4XX Core Science Elective*	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to your top choice universities. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (i.e., in October 2019, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a university Fall 2020) <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
♦	C GOVT 2305 – Federal Government	
♦	C X3XX Creative Arts Core Elective*	
♦	C X3XX Humanities, Literature, and Philosophy Core Elective*	
♦	C RIJ 1310 – Fundamentals of Criminal Law	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16		
D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	C X4XX Core Science Elective*	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your final program of study, apply for graduation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Meet with your advisor to apply for the AA degree with the Criminal Justice Field of Study. b. Sign up for commencement. <input type="checkbox"/> Request final transcripts to be sent to the college or university to where you will transfer. <input type="checkbox"/> Join the Alumni Network!
♦	C GOVT 2306 – Texas Government	
♦	C RIJ 2313 – Correctional Systems and Practices	
♦	C RIJ 2328 – Police Systems and Practices	
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13		
AA DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS		

¹ Degree plans may change in later catalogs. You may use this pathway if you entered one of the seven colleges on or before this date.

² Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by one of the seven DCCCD colleges awarding the degree.

³ This is not an official degree plan. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

C This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

* There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor for a specific list.

You must earn a grade of "C" or better in English 1301 and the selected college-level mathematics course and receive a GPA of at least 2.00 on all college-level course work.