

**CRIMINAL JUSTICE**  
*Uvalde Campus*  
Limited Course Offerings at Off-Campus Sites

**Purpose**

The Criminal Justice program provides education and training for students planning careers in federal, state, or local law enforcement. The Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) program offers students the opportunity to focus on one of three options. The first option, the *Basic Peace Officer*, is for those students seeking to graduate with an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice and from the Middle Rio Grande Law Enforcement Academy to prepare for the TCLEOSE Texas Peace Officer exam. The second option, *Corrections*, is for those students seeking to graduate with an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice with a focus on Correctional Systems. The third option, *Forensic Science* is for those students seeking to graduate with an A.A.S. in Criminal Justice with a focus on Forensic Science. Criminal Justice is a Tech Prep program.

**Admission Requirements**

Students are admitted to the Criminal Justice program through regular college admission procedures (*see Admission Regulations section*). Students will receive a one-year Certificate and/or an A.A.S. degree upon satisfactory completion of the courses of study and upon making formal application for graduation (*see Curricula section*).

The Criminal Justice program carries two award options, a one-year Certificate and the two-year A.A.S. degree. College Board policy requires all students to take the Accuplacer exam. Students pursuing the one-year Certificate do not have to pass the Accuplacer; however, those not scoring at the READ 0302 level are encouraged to enroll in the appropriate developmental course(s).

Students who wish to pursue the two-year A.A.S. degree must meet all Texas Success Initiative (TSI) requirements.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE CERTIFICATE

### Program of Study

	Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>		Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100 $\pi$	New Student Orientation		CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices .....	3
or			CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3
COLS 0300	College Success Skills		CJSA 1282 <sup>2</sup>	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/ Safety Studies .....	2
POFT 1329 <sup>1</sup>	Beginning Keyboarding		GOVT 2302	American Government II .....	3
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System .....	3	CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation .....	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice .....	3	CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course .....	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America .....	3			
CJSA 1351	Use of Force .....	3		Total .....	17
ITSC 1301	Introduction to Computers .....	3			
ELECCTIVE	Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3		Total Hours for Certificate .....	35
	Total .....	18			

- Notes: 1 Recommended bridging course unless keyboarding competencies verified; POFT 1329 does not count toward degree requirements.
- 2 Capstone course that consolidates the student's learning experiences.
- $\pi$  All students are required to take ORIE 0100 or COLS 0300; however, ORIE 0100/COLS 0300 do not count toward degree requirements.

## CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE DEGREE

	<u>Credit</u>
General Education Courses:	
Social & Behavioral Sciences	6
Humanities & Fine Arts	3
Natural Science & Math	3
Other	3
Total General Education Courses .....	15
Technical Education Courses .....	48 - 54
Basic Use of Computers .....	3
Total Credit Hours for A.A.S .....	66-72

### Program of Study

The Criminal Justice program provides three options for the A.A.S. degree: namely the Basic Peace Officer Option, the Corrections Option, and the Forensic Science Option.. The first year and the fall semester of the second year are the same for both. The spring semester of the second year is completely different for both as noted below.

#### Basic Peace Officer Option

### FIRST YEAR

	Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>		Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100 $\pi$	New Student Orientation		CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices .....	3
or			CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3
COLS 0300	College Success Skills		CJSA1282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2
POFT 1329 <sup>1</sup>	Beginning Keyboarding		GOVT 2302	American Government II .....	3
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System .....	3	CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation .....	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice .....	3	CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course .....	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America .....	3			
CJSA 1351	Use of Force .....	3		Total .....	17
ITSC 1301	Introduction to Computers .....	3			
ELECTIVE	Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3			
	Total .....	18			

## SECOND YEAR

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices .....	3	CJLE 1506 <sup>2</sup>	Basic Peace Officer I.....	5
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement .....	3	CJLE 1512 <sup>2</sup>	Basic Peace Officer II.....	5
CJSA 2282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2	CJLE 1518 <sup>2</sup>	Basic Peace Officer III .....	5
SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Communication .....	3	CJLE 1524 <sup>2,3</sup>	Basic Peace Officer IV .....	5
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I.....	3		Total .....	20
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology .....	3		Total Credit Hours for A.A.S. ....	72
or					
PSYC 2301	General Psychology.....	3			
	Total .....	17			

- Notes: 1 Recommended bridging course unless keyboarding competencies verified; however, POFT 1329 does not count toward degree requirements.
- 2 Student enrolls in TCLEOSE approved Law Enforcement Academy. Basic Peace Officer sequence option is subject to Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Standards and Education (TCLEOSE) rules, including criminal history check – see TCLEOSE enrollment standards below. These courses are eligible for Advanced Placement – see *Criminal Justice Advanced Placement Policy* below.
- 3 Capstone course that consolidates the student’s learning experiences.
- π All students are required to take ORIE 0100 or COLS 0300; however, ORIE 0100/COLS 0300 do not count toward degree requirements.

### Corrections Option

## FIRST YEAR

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100π	New Student Orientation		CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices .....	3
or			CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3
COLS 0300	College Success Skills		CJSA1282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2
POFT 1329 <sup>1</sup>	Beginning Keyboarding		GOVT 2302	American Government II .....	3
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System .....	3	CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation .....	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice .....	3	CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course .....	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America .....	3		Total .....	17
CJSA 1351	Use of Force .....	3			
ITSC 1301	Introduction to Computers .....	3			
ELECTIVE	Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3			
	Total .....	18			

## SECOND YEAR

	<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>		<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Credit</u>
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices .....	3	CJCR1358	Rights of Prisoners .....	3
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement .....	3	CJCR 1304	Probation and Parole .....	3
CJSA 2282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2	CRIJ 2313	Correction Systems and Practices .....	3
SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Communication .....	3	CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law .....	3
MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I.....	3	ELECTIVE <sup>2</sup>	Technical Elective .....	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology .....	3		Total .....	15
or				Total Credit Hours for A.A.S. ....	67
PSYC 2301	General Psychology.....	3			
	Total .....	17			

- Notes: 1 Recommended bridging course unless keyboarding competencies verified; however, POFT 1329 does not count toward degree requirements.
- 2 Select from Recommended Courses for Criminal Justice Technical Elective as listed below.

- 3 Capstone course that consolidates the student's learning experiences
- π All students are required to take ORIE 0100 or COLS 0300; however, ORIE 0100/COLS 0300 do not count toward degree requirements.

**Forensic Science Option**

**FIRST YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credit</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>		<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100π or COLS 0300 POFT 1329 <sup>1</sup>	New Student Orientation		CRIJ 1306	Court Systems and Practices .....	3
	College Success Skills		CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3
	Beginning Keyboarding		CJSA1282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System .....	3	GOVT 2302	American Government II .....	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice .....	3	CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation .....	3
CRIJ 1307	Crime in America .....	3	CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course .....	3
CJSA 1351	Use of Force .....	3		Total .....	17
ITSC 1301	Introduction to Computers .....	3			
ELECTIVE	Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3			
	Total .....	18			

**SECOND YEAR**

<u>Fall Semester</u>		<u>Credit</u>	<u>Spring Semester</u>		<u>Credit</u>
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices .....	3	CJSA 2323 <sup>2</sup>	Criminalistics II .....	3
CRIJ 2323	Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement .....	3	FORS 2450	Introduction to Forensic Psychology .....	4
CJSA 2282	Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies .....	2	MATH 1332	Contemporary Mathematics I.....	3
FORS 2440	Introduction to Forensic Science.....	4	SPCH 1321	Business and Professional Communication .....	3
CJSA 1308	Criminalistics I .....	3		Total .....	13
PSYC 2301	General Psychology.....	3		Total Credit Hours for A.A.S. ....	66
	Total .....	18			

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- 2 Capstone course that consolidates the student's learning experiences
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### **Recommended Courses for Criminal Justice Technical Elective**

Recommended criminal justice technical elective may be chosen from the following courses:

- CJCR 2325 Legal Aspects of Corrections  
CRIJ 2301 Community Resources in Corrections

### **Tech Prep Students**

Registered Tech Prep students who take equivalent courses while in high school may make the following substitutions for the Associate of Applied Science degree:

- CJSA 1322 for CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CJSA 1312 for CRIJ 1307 Crime in America

### **TCLEOSE Enrollment Standards**

Students enrolling in the Law Enforcement Academy must comply with TCLEOSE rules including specifically Rule 215.40 below. Failure to comply may result in removal from the course.

#### **215.40. Enrollment Standards and Training Credit**

- (a) In order for a person to enroll in any law enforcement training program which provides instruction in defensive tactics, arrest procedures, firearms, or use of a motor vehicle for law enforcement purposes, the academy must have on file
- (1) written documentation that the person is currently licensed by the commission; or
  - (2) if the person is not licensed by the commission, documentation that the person:
    - (A) has been fingerprinted and subjected to a search of local, state and national records and fingerprint files to disclose any criminal record;
    - (B) has never been convicted at any time of a felony offense, is not currently on probation or court-ordered community supervision subsequent to being charged with a felony, and has never been convicted of barratry;
    - (C) is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle; and
    - (D) is not prohibited by state or federal law from possessing firearms or ammunition.
- (b) For the purposes of this section, the commission will construe any court-ordered community supervision, probation or conviction for a criminal offense to be its closest equivalent under the Texas Penal Code classification of offenses if the offense arose from
- (1) another penal provision of Texas law; or
  - (2) a penal provision of any other state, federal, military or foreign jurisdiction.
- (c) A classification of an offense as a felony at the time of the conviction will never be changed because Texas law has changed or because the offense would not be a felony under current Texas law.
- (d) The commission will award training credit for any course conducted by a licensed academy as provided by commission rules unless:
- (1) the course is not taught as required by commission rules and the advisory board; or
  - (2) the training is not related to a commission license; or
  - (3) the advisory board, the academy, the academy coordinator, the course coordinator, or the instructor substantially failed to discharge any responsibility required by a commission rule.

- (e) The enrollment standards established in this section do not preclude the academy license holder from establishing additional requirements or standards for enrollment in law enforcement training programs.
- (f) The effective date of this section is September 1, 1997.

**Criminal Justice Advanced Placement Policy**

In order to receive advanced placement credit for academy completion and/or work experience, the applicant must:

1. Provide appropriate documentation to the Technical Education Director.
2. Apply for admission and complete at least six additional hours of credit at Southwest Texas Junior College.

Students licensed as a Texas Peace Officer will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following courses:

CJLE 1506	Basic Peace Officer I	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1512	Basic Peace Officer II	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1518	Basic Peace Officer III	.....	5 hrs
CJLE 1524	Basic Peace Officer IV	.....	5 hrs
Total.....			20 hrs

Students who are certified by TCLEOSE as a “Basic Jail Guard” will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following course:

CJCR 1300	Basic Jail Course.....	3 hrs
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Students who are certified by TCLEOSE as a “Telecommunications Operator” will receive advanced placement credit (grade of “P”) for the following course:

CJLE 1303	Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3 hrs
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