

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< New Student Orientation			
or		CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices.....	3
COLS 0300 College Success Skills		CJLE 1303 Basic Telecommunication Certification.....	3
POFT 1329 ¹ Beginning Keyboarding		CJSA1282 Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies.....	2
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System.....	3	GOVT 2306 Texas Government (Texas Constitution and Topics).....	3
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3	CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation.....	3
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America.....	3	CJSA 2331 Child Abuse: Prevention and Investigation.....	3
CJSA 1351 Use of Force.....	3		
ITSC 1301 Introduction to Computers.....	3	Total	17
ELECTIVE Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3		
Total	18		

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>	Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices.....	3	CJLE 1506 ² Basic Peace Officer I.....	5
CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement.....	3	CJLE 1512 ² Basic Peace Officer II.....	5
CJSA 2282 Cooperative Education – Criminal Justice/Safety Studies.....	2	CJLE 1518 ² Basic Peace Officer III.....	5
SPCH 1321 Business and Professional Communication.....	3	CJLE 1524 ^{2,3} Basic Peace Officer IV.....	5
MATH 1332 Contemporary Mathematics I.....	3	Total	20
SOCI 1301 Introductory Sociology		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.
- < 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

Fall Semester		<u>Credit</u>	Spring Semester		<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100<	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 ¹	Beginning Keyboarding		GOVT 2306	Texas Government (Texas Constitution and Topics).....	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			
ITSC 1301	Introduction to Computers.....	3		Total.....	17
ELECTIVE	Humanities and Fine Arts.....	3			
	Total.....	18			

SECOND YEAR

Fall Semester		<u>Credit</u>	Spring Semester		<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 ²	Technical Elective.....	3
SOCI 1301	Introductory Sociology			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
 < 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

Fall Semester		<u>Credit</u>	Spring Semester		<u>Credit</u>
ORIE 0100<	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 ¹	Beginning Keyboarding		GOVT 2306	Texas Government (Texas Constitution and Topics).....	3
CRIJ 1313	Juvenile Justice System.....	3	CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation.....	3
CRIJ 1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3	CJSA 2331	Child Abuse: Prevention and Investigation.....	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

Fall Semester	<u>Credit</u>	Spring Semester	<u>Credit</u>
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices 3	CJSA 2323 ²	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		
PSYC 2301	General Psychology 3		
		Total	13
	Total 18	Total Credit Hours for A.A.S.	66

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

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

Local Articulation Students

Registered Local Articulation 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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