



Criminal Justice B.A. - 4 Year Degree Plan

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Lamar University's **Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice** equips you for pre-law major or a career in one of the many fields related to justice such as special agents/federal investigations, emergency and social services, courts, policing, homeland security, counterterrorism, juvenile counseling, adult probation/parole and corporate security management. Courses in the program focus upon social problems such as crime, violence, drugs, gangs, terrorism, sexual assault, prisons and juvenile delinquency.

NOTE: Degree plans may change over a four-year period. This may not be the most current list of course requirements for your program. It is always advised that you check Degree Audit in Banner Self-Serv or your advisor for the most up-to-date degree requirements and to track your progress toward a degree.

FIRST YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	COURSE	DESCRIPTION			COURSE	DESCRIPTION		
	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3		ENGL 1302	Composition II	3	
	HIST 1301	U.S. History I 1763-1877	3		HIST 1302	U.S. History II Since 1877	3	
		Life/Physical Science	3		MATH 1332 or MATH 1333	Contemporary Mathematics I or Contemporary Mathematics II	3	
	CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice	3			Life/Physical Science	3	
	CRIJ 2328 or CRIJ 1306	Police Systems and Practices or Court Systems and Practice	3		CRIJ 2313	Correction Systems and Practices	3	
		Hours	15			Hours	15	
SECOND YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	COURSE	DESCRIPTION			COURSE	DESCRIPTION		
	ENGL 2300	Ethics and Literature	3		POLS 2302	Intro/American Government II	3	
	POLS 2301	Intro to American Government I	3		CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices	3	
	SOCI 1301 or PSYC 2301	Introduction to Sociology or General Psychology	3		DSDE 1372 or FREN 1312 or SPAN 1312	ASL II or Beginning French II or Beginning Spanish II	3	
	DSDE 1371 or FREN 1311 or SPAN 1311	ASL I or Beginning French I or Beginning Spanish I	3			Creative Arts	3	
	MATH 1342	Elementary Statistical Methods	3		COMM 1315	Public Speaking I	3	
						PEGA	2	
		Hours	15			Hours	17	
THIRD YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	COURSE	DESCRIPTION			COURSE	DESCRIPTION		
	DSDE 2371 or FREN 2311 or SPAN 2311	ASL III or Intermediate French I or Intermediate Spanish I	3			Elective	3000-4000 Level	3
	CRIJ Elective	3000-4000 Level	3		CRIJ 3311	Crime and Criminals	3	
	CRIJ Elective	3000-4000 Level	3		CRIJ 4311	Ethical Issues	3	
	Elective		3		DSDE 2372 or FREN 2312 or SPAN 2312	ASL IV or Intermediate French II or Intermediate Spanish II	3	
	Elective (Any Level)		1		Elective	3000-4000 Level	3	
		Hours	13			Hours	15	
FOURTH YEAR	Fall		Hours	Grade	Spring		Hours	Grade
	COURSE	DESCRIPTION			COURSE	DESCRIPTION		
	CRIJ 4321	Responses to Crime	3		CRIJ 4380	Criminal Justice Research Methods	3	
	CRIJ Elective	3000-4000 Level	3		CRIJ 4340	Criminal Justice Applications	3	
	CRIJ Elective	3000-4000 Level	3		Elective	3000-4000 Level	3	
	Elective	3000-4000 Level	3		Elective	3000-4000 Level	3	
	ENGL 3310 or CRIJ 4300	Technical Report Writing or Legal Research/Brief Writing	3		CRIJ Elective	3000-4000 Level	3	
		Hours	15			Hours	15	

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