Lamar University

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences Degree-Completion Program
Bachelor of General Studies Degree Program
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Degree Program

Lower Division Courses

ARTS-1301 Art Appreciation
8 and 15 weeks
An introductory course emphasizing the understanding and appreciation of visual arts, namely painting, sculpture, and architecture.

CHEM-1411 General Chemistry
15 weeks
Mathematics-based review of chemical laws and theory for science, engineering and professional majors.

COMM-1315 Public Speaking
15 weeks
Principles and practices of public speaking.

COMM-1318 Interpersonal Communication New for Fall 2011
8 weeks
Principles and practices of interpersonal communication in various settings.

COMM-1373 Media Writing
8 weeks
Covers all styles of writing for A/V: audio, television, film documentary, and advertising.

COSC-1336 Programming Fundamentals I
8 and 15 weeks
Introduces the fundamental concepts of structured programming. Topics include software development methodology, data types, control structures, functions, arrays, and the mechanics of running, testing and debugging. This course assumes computer literacy.

CRIJ-1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
8 weeks
History and philosophy of criminal justice and ethical considerations; crime defined; its nature and impact; overview of criminal justice system; law enforcement; court system; prosecution and defense; trial process; corrections.
CRIJ-1306  Court System and Practices  New for Summer 2011
8 weeks
The judiciary in the criminal justice system; structure of the American court system; prosecution; right to counsel; pre-trial release; grand juries; adjudication process; types and rules of evidence; sentencing.

CRIJ-2313  Correctional Systems and Practices  New for Fall 2011
8 weeks
Corrections in the criminal justice system; organization of correctional systems; correctional role; institutional operations; alternatives to institutionalization; treatment and rehabilitation; current and future issues.

CRIJ-2328  Police Systems and Practices  New for Fall 2011
8 weeks
The police profession; organization of law enforcement systems; the police role; police discretion; ethics; police-community interaction; current and future issues.

ECON-1301  Principles and Policies
15 weeks
Comprehensive introduction to economic principles and problems for non-business students. Resource utilization; price determination; distribution of income; fiscal and monetary problems; economic growth.

ENGL-1301  Composition I
8 and 15 weeks
Basic forms of expository writing. Frequent themes. Collateral reading in articles and essays of a factual and informative type.

ENGL-1302  Composition II
8 and 15 weeks
Forms of expository and analytical writing. Topics from composition suggested from wide reading in at least two of the three genres: prose fiction, poetry, and drama. Research paper required.
Prerequisite: ENGL-1301 with a “C” or better

ENGL-2322  British Literature
8 and 15 weeks
The study of six-to-ten works of British literature dating from its Anglo-Saxon origins to the present.

ENGL-2326  American Literature
8 and 15 weeks
Six-to-ten works of American literature, including both the 19th and 20th centuries.

GEOL-2376  Regional and Economic Geography
8 and 15 weeks
Regional, national, and continental units considered from the viewpoint of economic resources, resource development, organization, politics, economy, and physical landscape.

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<td>HIST-1301</td>
<td>U.S. History, 1763 to 1877</td>
<td>8 and 15 weeks</td>
<td>United States history from the revolutionary period through reconstruction.</td>
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<td>HIST-1302</td>
<td>U.S. History, 1877 to the Present</td>
<td>15 weeks</td>
<td>United States history from the post-reconstruction period to the present.</td>
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<td>HIST-2301</td>
<td>History of Texas</td>
<td>15 weeks</td>
<td>Texas history from the beginning to the present time.</td>
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<td>MATH-1314</td>
<td>College Algebra</td>
<td>15 weeks</td>
<td>Linear and quadratic equations and inequalities, determinants, matrices, systems of equations, binomial theorem, exponential and logarithmic functions, theory of equations.</td>
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<td>MATH-2312</td>
<td>Precalculus Mathematics</td>
<td>New for Summer 2011</td>
<td>15 weeks Intensive review of algebra, trigonometry and analytic geometry.</td>
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<td>MUSI-1306</td>
<td>Music Appreciation</td>
<td>15 weeks</td>
<td>Survey of music. Covers the major style periods from the Renaissance to the present with emphasis on the development of basic listening skills and critic thinking.</td>
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<td>PHIL-1370</td>
<td>Philosophy of Knowledge</td>
<td>15 weeks</td>
<td>A survey of major knowledge systems with an emphasis on the scientific and humanistic methods of inquiry.</td>
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<td>POLS-2301</td>
<td>American Government</td>
<td>New for Fall 2011</td>
<td>15 weeks The national and Texas constitutions; federalism; political socialization and participation; public opinion and interest groups; parties, voting, and elections.</td>
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<td>POLS-2302</td>
<td>Introduction to American Government II</td>
<td>New for Fall 2011</td>
<td>8 weeks The legislative, executive, and judicial branches and the bureaucracy; policy formulation and implementation including civil rights and civil liberties, domestic and foreign policies.</td>
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Prerequisites: POLS-2301
PSYC-2301 General Psychology
15 weeks
An introductory survey of the major areas of psychology such as learning, personality, social, testing, developmental, and physiological. Emphasis is on psychology as the scientific study of behavior and includes both human and animal behavior.

SOCI-1301 Introduction to Sociology New for Fall 2011
8 weeks
An overview of major subjects in sociology, including sociological perspective, culture, social interaction, social stratification, gender, race and ethnicity, social groups, organizations, family, religion, population, urbanization and social changes.

Upper Division Courses
AASC-3301 Lifelong Learning and Portfolio Development
8 weeks
Required of all students who pursue completion of the BAAS degree program. This course lays the foundation for the program of study by investigating current issues in the philosophy of higher education, namely: establishing academic, personal, and professional goals for degree completion; introducing students to the portfolio process; and helping students to improve their abilities to think critically and to communicate more effectively.

AASC-3102 Narrative for Prior Experiential Learning Credit
8 weeks
Students are guided in the development of an outcome-based learning narrative which allows them the opportunity to translate knowledge and skills obtained through life and work experiences into academic credit.

AASC-4301 Senior Seminar
8 weeks
This course completes the assessment of previously established (AASC-3301) personal, educational, and professional goals and outcomes.

COSC-3301.A Game Programming
8 weeks
The objective of the course is to guide the student through the game design process. This course instills within the student the knowledge and creative perspective to create a game or other interactive software on a computer. The student will also explore popular game development software and the game design process.

COSC-3301.B Digital Media New for Summer 2011
8 week: course description forthcoming.
This is a course for students from all disciplines interested in learning the foundational concepts and basic techniques in digital media production. Topic areas: capturing and editing digital images, capturing and editing digital audio, capturing and editing digital video and interactive multimedia. The course will consist of project based assignments,
quizzes and a portfolio project to showcase student work. **Web cam and microphone required.**

**COSC-3301.C  Web 2.0 Social Networking**
8 weeks  
An exploration of Web 2.0 technologies such as social networks, blogs, wikis, and podcasts. Basic video, audio, and photo editing are also included in the course. Activities consist of quizzes, discussions, and a portfolio project.

**COSC-3301.D  Internet Security**
8 weeks  
The course provides both an overview of cyber crime and security and guidelines for protecting systems from attack. Students will learn how to safeguarded information, how to find the vulnerabilities within a system, and how to take the appropriate steps to ensure that these systems and data are safe.

**COSC-3320  Web Design  New for Fall 2011**
8 weeks: course description forthcoming.

**COSC-3321  Advanced Microcomputer Applications**
8 weeks  
The objective of this course is to teach students to solve advanced problems using the most readily available off-the-shelf general applications software: word processing, spreadsheet, database system, e-mail applications, presentation applications, and Web site builders. The course instills within the student the knowledge and creative perspective to solve real-world problems with office applications.

**CRIJ-3309  Class, Race, and Gender**
8 weeks  
Role of social class, race, and gender in the etiology and control of crime. Injustices within the criminal justice system and broader society. Cultural sensitivity.

**CRIJ-3311  Crime and Criminals  New for Fall 2011**
8 weeks  
American crime problems in historical perspective; social and public policy factors affecting crime, impact, and crime trends; liberal and conservative views of the crime problem and policy implications; crime prevention.

**CRIJ-3315  Criminal Behavior**
8 weeks  
An examination of the typologies of criminal behavior. Psychological issues related to criminology will be presented. Topics include offender motivation, psychopathology, serial murders, sex offenders, and career criminals.

**CRIJ-4311  Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice**
8 weeks
An examination of selected ethical issues and problems confronting criminal justice professionals.

**CRIJ-4313.A  Organized Crime**  
*8 weeks*  
An in-depth view of the social structure and organizational factors leading to the development of organized criminal activities in the United States and other selected countries.

**CRIJ-4321  Responses to Crime**  
*New for Fall 2011*  
*8 weeks*  
An examination of crime, criminals, and the criminal justice system using critical analysis of recently published materials as sources for research, discussion, and student seminar.

**ENGL-3310  Technical Report Writing**  
*8 weeks*  
Supervised preparation of technical and scientific reports according to standard usage recommended by professional scientific and engineering societies.

**ENGL-3320  Children’s and Adolescent Literature**  
*New for Spring 2012*  
*8 weeks*  
Literature about or for children and adolescents and the special features and concerns of the genre.

**ENGL-3350  Creative Writing: Fiction**  
*8 weeks*  
A workshop approach to the writing of fiction.

**ENGL-3360  The Short Story**  
*8 weeks*  
The technique of the short story; its historical development; study and analysis of great short stories.

**ENGL-3392  Advanced African-American Literature**  
*New for Fall 2011*  
*8 weeks*  
Exploring literary form through the study of selected African American writers in order to understand the African American search for identity.

**ENGL-4317  Modern Drama**  
*8 weeks*  

**ENGL-4334  Science Fiction**  
*New for Fall 2011*  
*8 weeks*
Exploring definitions of *science fiction* (SF), allowing students an opportunity to learn about the development of SF from its beginnings to the present day. Students will read, analyze, and discuss classic SF short stories, and each student will present to the professor and the class a literary analysis of an SF novel chosen from a list of outstanding works.

**GEOL-4301.A  Geographical Terrorism**  
8 weeks  
Examines how geography plays a significant role in the development of terrorism, as well as in its success and failures. We will also explore definitions, root causes, current counterterrorist policies, and weapons of mass destruction.

**GEOL-4301.B  Geography of the Middle East and North Africa**  
8 weeks  
Geography of the Middle East and North Africa is a comprehensive study of the region, as it pertains to physical and cultural geography, history, economics, and geopolitical issues. Through the course, students will: understand the geography, climates, and peoples of the Middle East and North Africa; recognize the importance of Islam as a way of life and explore its relationship with Judaism and Christianity; appreciate the impact of petroleum on the region; and recognize the major political and economic conflicts in this area in regard to the root causes of terrorism.

**GEOL-4301.C  Natural Disasters**  
8 weeks  
In-depth study of the dynamic earth processes that affect people throughout their lives. Designed for non-science majors, the course will particularly benefit those who choose to go into engineering, emergency management, or government policymaking and are challenged to make educated choices about where to build houses, businesses, offices or engineering projects to prevent future loss of life and property.

**POLS-3320  International Politics**  
8 weeks  
The concepts underlying the Western State system: nationalism and imperialism; the techniques and instruments of power politics and the foreign policies of selected states.

**PSYC-3330  Psychology of Social Interaction**  
New for Fall 2012  
8 weeks  
Investigation of the psychological basis of interpersonal behavior. Emphasis is on the study of individual experience and behavior in relation to the social environment, and how individual behavior both affects and is affected by social interaction.

**SOCI-3390  Juvenile Delinquency**  
8 weeks  
An overview of the criminological theories regarding juvenile offending and the juvenile justice system. Attention is given to the history, development, and roles of theoretical positions and
practices in the area of juvenile delinquency.

**SOCI-4300    Deviant Behavior**

*8 weeks*

Seminar in sociology. Focus on a selected topic of contemporary concerns and significance in sociology.

**SOCI-4301    Sociology of Family**

*8 weeks*

This course provides an overview of the family from a sociological perspective. The emphasis of this class is on the history of American families and contemporary American family issues. Topics that will be covered include marriage, cohabitation, divorce, single parent families, stepfamilies, and the impact of race, social class and state on family structure.