

SOCIAL SCIENCES & PUBLIC SERVICE

GUIDED PATHWAY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE – FIELD OF STUDY

For more information, visit www.dcccd.edu/CriminalJustice 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 Justice ⁱⁱ, 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 www.dcccd.edu/TransferServices to view the Top 15 colleges and universities to which students at the colleges of DCCCD transfer. 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 STUDENTS ⁱⁱⁱ
ALL MAPS CAN BE MODIFIED TO FIT THE NEEDS OF PART-TIME STUDENTS

D	SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ENGL 1301 – Composition I ^{iv} (core course)	<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.
♦	HIST 1301 – United States History I (core course)	
♦	MATH X3XX Core Elective ^{iv} ^v (core course)	
♦	CRIJ 1301 – Introduction to Criminal Justice	
♦	SPCH 1311 – Introduction to Speech Communication OR SPCH 1315 – Public Speaking (all core courses) OR SPCH 1321 – Business and Professional Communication	
♦	PHED 1164 – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness (core course)	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16

D	SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
♦	ENGL 1302 – Composition II (core course)	<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.
♦	HIST 1302 – United States History II ^v (core course)	
♦	CRIJ 1307 – Crime in America	
♦	CRIJ 1306 – Court Systems and Practices	
♦	SOCI 1301 – Introduction to Sociology ^v (core course)	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D	SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
♦	X4XX Core Science Elective ^v (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying to your top choice universities. <input type="checkbox"/> Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships ○ You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. (i.e., in October 2020, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a university Fall 2021) <input type="checkbox"/> Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
♦	GOVT 2305 – Federal Government (core course)	
♦	X3XX Creative Arts Core Elective ^v (core course)	
♦	X3XX Literature, Philosophy, and Culture Core Elective ^v (core course)	
♦	CRIJ 1310 – Fundamentals of Criminal Law	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 16

D	SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
♦	X4XX Core Science Elective ^v (core course)	<input type="checkbox"/> After reviewing your final program of study, apply for graduation. 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!
♦	GOVT 2306 – Texas Government (core course)	
♦	CRIJ 2313 – Correctional Systems and Practices	
♦	CRIJ 2328 – Police Systems and Practices	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 13

AA DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS | PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

ⁱ 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.

ⁱⁱ 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.

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

^{iv} 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.

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

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