

Bachelors of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

About This Program

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice provides students with an academically sound education in criminal justice and prepares them for management positions with municipal, state and federal agencies.

Competencies

1. Graduates will understand the etiology of crime and victimization.
2. Graduates will understand the American judicial system.
3. Graduates will be able to develop useful paradigms for understanding crime.
4. Graduates will be prepared to enter and successfully complete law enforcement training academies which will lead to related jobs in city, county, state or federal law enforcement agencies.
5. Graduates will have the critical thinking and problem-solving skills required to be effective and ethical decision makers.

Admissions Criteria

Students admitted to UT Arlington from high school or transfer students who have completed less than 30 hours of transferable college credit will be admitted as Criminology and Criminal Justice (CRCJ)-intended majors, and will be allowed to declare CRCJ as their major based on the following criteria:

- Completed at least 15 hours of the University core courses with a minimum 2.0 GPA.
- Completed both CRCJ 2334 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=CRCJ%202334>) (Introduction to the Criminal Justice System) and one other CRCJ core course with at least a C, and earned at least 15 grade points in the two courses combined (2.5 GPA).

Students admitted to UT Arlington who have completed 30 or more hours of transferable college credit will be allowed to declare CRCJ as their major based on the following criteria:

- Achieved a minimum 2.25 GPA for all college credit earned, and
- Completed CRCJ 2334 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=CRCJ%202334>) (Introduction to the Criminal Justice System) or an equivalent course, and one other UT Arlington CRCJ core course, or equivalent course with at least a C, and earned at least 15 grade points in the two courses combined (2.5 GPA).

Students already admitted to UT Arlington, who previously declared a major other than CRCJ, who desire to change to CRCJ as their major will be accepted based on the following criteria:

- Completed at least 15 hours of the College of Liberal Arts core courses,
- Achieved a minimum 2.25 GPA in all hours completed at UT Arlington, and
- Completed both CRCJ 2334 (<https://catalog.uta.edu/archives/2025-2026/search/?P=CRCJ%202334>) (Introduction to the Criminal Justice System) and one other CRCJ core course with at least a C, and earned at least 15 grade points in the two courses combined (2.5 GPA).

Curriculum

Foundations

General Core Requirements (<https://catalog.uta.edu/academicregulations/degree requirements/generalcore requirements/>)

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Students must complete specific courses within certain core areas

For Communication, select:

ENGL 1301	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION I
ENGL 1302	RHETORIC AND COMPOSITION II

For Mathematics, select:

A core-approved MATH course numbered 1301 or higher	
MATH 1308	ELEMENTARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS
or MATH 1309	STATISTICAL LITERACY

Criminal Justice Foundations

UNIV 1131	STUDENT SUCCESS (UNIV 1131 OR UNIV 1101)	1
COMS 1301	FUNDAMENTALS OF PUBLIC SPEAKING	3

Modern and Classical Languages: 1441, 1442, (Must be one language for a total of 8 hours). 8

Criminal Justice Specialization

CRCJ 2334	INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
CRCJ 2335	ETHICS AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM	3
CRCJ 2350	INTRODUCTION TO LAW ENFORCEMENT	3
CRCJ 3300	THEORETICAL CRIMINOLOGY	3
or SOCI 3313	CRIMINOLOGY	
CRCJ 3338	JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3
CRCJ 3380	RACE, CRIME, AND JUSTICE	3
CRCJ 3340	CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATISTICS	3
or SOCI 3352	APPLIED STATISTICS FOR SOCIAL RESEARCH	
CRCJ 3350	INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH METHODS IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	3
or SOCI 3362	SOCIAL RESEARCH	
CRCJ 3370	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS	3
CRCJ 4301	THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM	3
CRCJ 4332	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	3
or CRCJ 4333	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	
CRCJ 4380	COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEMS	3

Select 21 hours of Criminal Justice electives from the following: 21

CRCJ 2340	CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 3307	INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY SYSTEMS	
CRCJ 3320	CYBERCRIME	
CRCJ 3330	FUNDAMENTALS OF LAW	
CRCJ 3336	POLICE MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION	
CRCJ 3337	ADVANCED CRIMINAL PROCEDURE	
CRCJ 3370	INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS	
CRCJ 3371	CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 3385	WOMEN AND CRIME	
CRCJ 3390	VICTIMOLOGY	
CRCJ 3395	DRUG USE AND ABUSE	
CRCJ 4309	PRIVATE SECURITY ADMINISTRATION	
CRCJ 4315	WHITE-COLLAR AND CORPORATE CRIME	
CRCJ 4325	GANGS	
CRCJ 4332	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS	
or CRCJ 4333	INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS	
CRCJ 4340	FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATION	
CRCJ 4341	FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF IMPRESSION EVIDENCE	
CRCJ 4342	FORENSIC HAIR AND FIBER IDENTIFICATION	
CRCJ 4343	FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY	
CRCJ 4345	CRIME AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM IN THE MEDIA	
CRCJ 4352	TERRORISM AND MASS VIOLENCE	
CRCJ 4355	ORGANIZED CRIME: NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL	
CRCJ 4365	CAPITAL PUNISHMENT	
CRCJ 4386	TOPICS IN CORRECTIONS	
CRCJ 4387	TOPICS IN CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY	
CRCJ 4388	TOPICS IN LAW AND JUDICIAL PROCESSES	
CRCJ 4389	TOPICS IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PRIVATE SECURITY	
CRCJ 4390	INTERNSHIP IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRCJ 4191	CONFERENCE COURSE	
CRCJ 4291	CONFERENCE COURSE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRCJ 4391	CONFERENCE COURSE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE	
CRCJ 4394	HONORS THESIS/SENIOR PROJECT	

Select 9 hours from the following:		9
ECON 3302	THE ECONOMICS OF CRIME	
HIST 3391	MOOT COURT	
POLS 3333	JURISPRUDENCE AND CONSTITUTIONAL CONFLICT	
POLS 4316	WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS	
POLS 4331	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER	
POLS 4332	U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	
PSYC 3303	DRUGS AND BEHAVIOR	
SOCI 3320	DEVIANCE: SOCIAL AND PERSONAL	
SOCI 3336	SOCIAL INEQUALITY	
SOCI 3337	RACIAL & ETHNIC GROUPS IN US	
SOCI 4306	QUALITATIVE RESEARCH METHODS	
SOCW 3315	INTRODUCTION TO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS	
Another course approved by advisor.		

Total Hours	120
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Advising Resources

First time college students for the CRCJ Major will be advised by University Advising and Engagement Center (UAEC) Freshman Advising. UAEC CRCJ majors will transition to CRJC advising after meeting transition requirements. Transfer students should contact program advising when admitted. Students should contact advisors with for hold removal and degree plan updates each semester.

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Advising Information (<https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/criminology/undergraduate/advising/>)