Criminology and Criminal Justice - Undergraduate Programs

The Criminology and Criminal Justice Department provides students with an academically sound education in criminal justice and prepares them for management positions with municipal, state and federal agencies. Students who are new to the discipline have opportunities for internships with local criminal justice agencies and law offices.

The Department strives to achieve academic excellence through its outstanding faculty. Experts in areas such as corrections, criminological theory, victimology, management, strive to challenge students while caring for their academic formation. The criminal justice faculty helps students understand the etiology of crime who are then able to develop paradigms that are useful and beneficial in the understanding of crime.

This tradition of excellence serves to produce competitive criminal justice managers who are prepared for the challenges of employment with private, state, or federal agencies. The academic excellence of the UTA Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is well known in the Dallas/Fort Worth metroplex.

Requirements to Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice

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 (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 (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 (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).

Requirements for a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Pre-Professional Courses

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Program Requirements (These courses also fulfill requirements in the General Core).

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Mathematics (MATH 1301 or higher; MATH 1301 and MATH 1308 are recommended)

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

Total # of hours before major (54)

MAJOR

A CRCJ major consists of 57 hours, including 36 hours of required CRCJ core courses and 21 hours of major electives (See additional requirements below). The total number of hours must be 120 or more.

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<th>CRCJ Core (Required)</th>
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**CRCJ Major Electives (of which at least 15 hours must be CRCJ-prefix courses):**

- 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

**To satisfy CRCJ Additional Electives, up to 9 hours of these courses may be used:**

- ECON 3302  THE ECONOMICS OF CRIME
- HIST 3391  MOOT COURT
- POLS 3333  JURISPRUDENCE
- POLS 4316  WOMEN IN THE POLITICAL PROCESS
- POLS 4331  U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: GOVERNMENT POWER
- POLS 4332  U.S. CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS
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Other courses may be used for elective credit with advisor approval.

**Minor**

A minor is not required, but is optional. A minor, if chosen, consists of 18 hours, with at least six hours at the 3000/4000 level.

**Oral Proficiency and Computer Proficiency Required (COMS 1301)**

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<th>Hours of Open Electives</th>
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**Total Hours**

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### Requirements for a Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice

A minor in CRCJ consists of 18 semester hours, of which at least 12 must be 3000/4000 level. CRCJ 2334 INTRODUCTION TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, and CRCJ 4301 THE AMERICAN JUDICIAL SYSTEM, are required courses for a CRCJ minor. Students must earn a 2.0 GPA in all CRCJ courses taken toward the minor.

### Requirements for a Minor in Forensic Applications of Science and Technology

The CRCJ minor in Forensic Applications of Science and Technology (FAST) provides a multidisciplinary approach designed for criminology and criminal justice majors pursuing professional careers in non-laboratory-based areas of forensic science, such as crime scene investigation and where a working knowledge of the basic concepts of forensic science and technology would prove beneficial. Science majors pursuing laboratory-based careers in forensic science may also find this minor advantageous. Students must complete 18 credit hours from the courses listed below, with at least six hours at the 4000 level.

To earn a FAST minor students must earn a GPA of 3.0 or better in those courses. Courses required for the minor cannot be utilized for double credit in the student’s major. An academic minor may only be awarded upon current completion of a baccalaureate degree at the University of Texas at Arlington.

#### Required Entry Course:

CRCJ 3370 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSICS

#### Electives:

CRCJ 3307 INTRODUCTION TO SECURITY SYSTEMS

CRCJ 3371 CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION (Prerequisite: 3370)

CRCJ 3320 CYBERCRIME

CRCJ 3357 FORENSIC FIREARMS IDENTIFICATION (CURRENTLY BEING TAUGHT AS CRCJ 4387. TOPICS IN CRIME AND CRIMINOLOGY) (Prerequisite: 3370)

CRCJ 4340 FORENSIC DEATH INVESTIGATION (Prerequisite: 3370)

CRCJ 4341 FORENSIC EXAMINATION OF IMPRESSION EVIDENCE (Prerequisite: 3370 AND 3371)

CRCJ 4342 FORENSIC HAIR AND FIBER IDENTIFICATION (Prerequisite: 3370)

CRCJ 4343 FORENSIC EXPERT TESTIMONY (Prerequisite: 3370)

CRCJ 4390 INTERNSHIP PRACTICUM IN A DEPARTMENT APPROVED FORENSIC, CRIME SCENE OR DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY SETTING (Participation in CRCJ 4390 requires a minimum GPA of 3.0 in both CRCJ courses and in all courses completed at UTA.)

With departmental approval, courses offered by other academic units that have an applied forensic focus may be considered for the FAST minor. Such courses could include:

BIOL 3352 INTRODUCTION TO FORENSIC LAB SCIENCE

BIOL 4352 FORENSIC BIOLOGY

BIOL 4406 HUMAN OSTEOLOGY (Also offered as ANTH 4406)

ANTH 3308 FORENSIC ANTHROPOLOGY
This minor would be appropriately combined with the following majors: Criminology and Criminal Justice, Biology, Chemistry, Nursing, Psychology, or Computer Science.

**Minor in Legal Studies**

[Requirements](https://www.uta.edu/academics/schools-colleges/liberal-arts/departments/prelaw/academics/law-legal-studies-minor/)