

## Education, Human &amp; Protective Services

**GUIDED PATHWAY: Criminal Justice (Field of Study – University Transfer Plan)**For more information, visit [www.laredo.edu/](http://www.laredo.edu/) and your academic advisor.

The Associates of Science (AS) General Studies degree in Criminal Justice field of study is designed to satisfy the attainment of a board, balanced, two – year college education. This degree forms the foundation and prerequisites for transferring into a baccalaureate program. Students must complete a minimum of 60 semester credit hours to earn an AS; 42 semester credit hours are core curriculum requirements.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing an Associates of Science in General Studies . It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Science (AS) degree in General Studies. For official degree requirements, [click here](#) .

Visit [Career Pathways](#) to view guided pathways created for students who complete an AAS degree and the options for transfer. Speak with an academic advisor at your college to choose courses that will help you to transfer to a specific university

**COLLEGE READINESS REQUIREMENTS (only for the AS)**

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   | MATH PLACEMENT  | ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY  |
|---|---|---|
| <b>TSI MET: YES NO</b><br><i>IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>INRW</b> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b> _____ | <b>TSI MET: YES NO</b><br><i>IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>DEV MATH</b> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b> _____ | <b>TSI MET: YES NO</b><br><i>IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED</i><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>ESOL</b> _____<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>OTHER:</b> _____ |

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**

| D |  | SEMESTER 1  | ACTION ITEMS   |
|---|--|---|--|
| ◆ |  | ENGL 1301 - Composition I CORE                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options. |
| ◆ |  | HIST 1301 - United States History I CORE          |  |
| ◆ |  | MATH X3XX - Mathematics CORE                      |  |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX - Life and Physical Science CORE        |  |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX - Field of Study/Electives <sup>1</sup> |  |
| ◆ |  |   |  |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

| D |  | SEMESTER 2  | ACTION ITEMS |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| ◆ |  | ENGL 1302 - Composition II CORE                   |              |
| ◆ |  | HIST 1302 - United States History II CORE         |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX - Creative Arts CORE                    |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Life and Physical Science CORE        |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Field of Study/Electives <sup>1</sup> |              |
| ◆ |  |   |              |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

| D |  | SEMESTER 3  | ACTION ITEMS |
|---|--|---|--------------|
| ◆ |  | GOVT 2305 – Federal Government CORE               |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Language /Philosophy/Culture CORE     |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Component Area Option CORE            |              |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Field of Study/Electives <sup>1</sup> |              |
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| D |  | SEMESTER 4  | Note: |
|---|--|---|-------|
| ◆ |  | GOVT 2306 – Texas Government CORE                 |       |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Social/Behavioral Science CORE        |       |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Component Area Option CORE            |       |
| ◆ |  | XXXX X3XX – Field of Study/Electives <sup>1</sup> |       |
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**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15****AS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

<sup>1</sup>. Denotes field of study courses, as set by THECB September 2019.

Courses include: **CRIJ 1301** Introduction to Criminal Justice, **CRIJ 2328** Police Systems and Practices, **CRIJ 2313** Correctional Systems and Practices, **CRIJ 1310** Fundamentals of Criminal Law, **CRIJ 1306** Court Systems and Practices

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

Corrections Officer, Police Dispatcher, Jailer, Peace Officer, Police Officer, Deputy, Sheriff, Park Ranger, Crime Lab Technician, Court Officer, Municipal Police, Federal Officer, Customs Border Protection Officer.

### Regional Labor Market Information

Law Enforcement and Corrections Officer starting pay range is \$30,000 – \$51,000, depending on the department or agency.

Source: <https://www.policeone.com/police-careers/>.

<https://texaspolice trainers.com/job-announcements/>

<https://www.federal law enforcement.org/careers/>

### Career and labor market research tools

Bureau of Labor Statistics: <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>.

**Career Resources:** Laredo College career services website provides information on career exploration and employment at

<https://www.laredo.edu/student-services/transfer-services/index.html> Students are encouraged to consult with their area of study advisor for additional career assistance. The above information is provided as a guide and reference tool for occupations related to this program. This is not a guarantee of job placement in any of these occupations after the successful completion of an LC program. The common job titles listed are representative titles and are provided for career research. These are not the only occupations possible in this area of study.

## Transfer Information

The Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice prepares students to directly enter the workforce; however, a Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS) or Bachelor of Science (BS) is an excellent alternative to complete the educational requirement for some State and Federal positions. You still must meet general education requirements and take upper-level courses.

**Transfer Guides:** The universities listed here do not constitute a Laredo College endorsement. Transfer course evaluations and determination of which courses will count towards a bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.

**Texas A&M International University:** <http://www.tamui.edu>

**South Texas College:** [South Texas College](#)

**Texas State University:** <https://www.txstate.edu/>

**Additional Transfer Resources:** Laredo College transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities.

Students are encouraged to consult with a faculty advisor, area of study advisor, and/or their chosen transfer institution to ensure courses taken at LC will apply toward their bachelor's degree program.