

## Education, Human &amp; Protective Services

## GUIDED PATHWAY: Criminal Justice (AAS Degree)

## Criminal Justice Department



This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing a degree in Criminal Justice. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Criminal Justice<sup>1</sup>. For official degree requirements, [click here](#).

The AAS degree in Criminal Justice is designed to prepare students for various career opportunities in police, courts or corrections at the local, State or federal level. This program is intended to provide a foundation on which the graduate can build a career in the criminal justice fields and/or further education. Courses that complete the Degree (D) and courses that complete the Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice.

Visit [www.laredo.edu/pathways](http://www.laredo.edu/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 AAS)

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 &amp; WRITING PLACEMENT

TSI MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

 INRW \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

## MATH PLACEMENT

TSI MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

 DEV MATH \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

## ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

TSI MET: YES NO

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

 ESOL \_\_\_\_\_ 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<sup>2</sup>

D		SEMESTER 1	ACTION ITEMS
◆		CRIJ 1301- Introduction To Criminal Justice <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester. <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options.
◆		CRIJ 2328- Police Systems and Practices	
◆		ENGL 1301- Composition I	
◆		MATH 1342- Elementary Statistical Methods	
		OR	
◆		MATH 1314 -College Algebra	
◆		HIST (Any History Course)	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D		SEMESTER 2	ACTION ITEMS
◆		CRIJ 1307- Crime in America	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to file and official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study.
◆		CRIJ 1310- Fundamentals of Criminal Law	
◆		CRIJ 2313- Correctional Systems and Practices <sup>1</sup>	
◆		Humanities/ Fine Arts <sup>2</sup>	
		SOCI 1301-Introduction to Sociology	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D		SEMESTER 3	ACTION ITEMS
◆		CRIJ 1313-Juvenile Justice System	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options.
◆		CRIJ 2323-Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	
◆		WECM Technical Course <sup>3</sup>	
◆		PSYC 2301- Introduction to Psychology	
◆		GOVT 2305- American National Government	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

D		SEMESTER 4	ACTION ITEMS
◆		CRIJ 1306- The Courts and Practice <sup>1</sup> (Capstone Course) <sup>4</sup>	After reviewing you degree plan and program of study apply for graduation.
◆		CRIJ 2301- Community Resources in Correction	
◆		CRIJ 2314- Criminal Investigation	
◆		WECM Technical Course <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to apply for the AAS in Applied Accounting Sign up for commencement
◆		GOVT 2306-American State Government	

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15

**AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

1. Degree plans may change in later catalogs. Be sure to consult with your advisor if you are continuing on an older degree plan.

2. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Laredo College awarding the degree.

3. Capstone Course -

C This course counts for the Core Curriculum at any public college or university in Texas.

## Career Information

### Common Job Titles

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

### Regional Labor Market Information

Law Enforcement and Corrections Officer pay range is 30,000 – 51,000 starting depending on the department

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

<https://texaspoliceinstructors.com/job-announcements/>

<https://www.federalawenforcement.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 [http://www.laredo.edu/cms/LCC/Student\\_Services/Student\\_Success\\_Center/Employment\\_Assistance\\_Service/Career\\_Preparation/](http://www.laredo.edu/cms/LCC/Student_Services/Student_Success_Center/Employment_Assistance_Service/Career_Preparation/). 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 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 toward a Bachelor's degree are made by the receiving transfer institution.

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

**South Texas College:** <http://www.SouthTexas.edu>

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

**Additional Transfer Resources:** Laredo College transfer website provides information on additional colleges & universities: [http://www.laredo.edu/cms/LCC/Student\\_Services/Student\\_Success\\_Center/Student\\_Success\\_Center\\_2018/Academic\\_Advising/WP2018\\_-\\_Transfer\\_Resources/](http://www.laredo.edu/cms/LCC/Student_Services/Student_Success_Center/Student_Success_Center_2018/Academic_Advising/WP2018_-_Transfer_Resources/). 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.