

**Education, Human & Protective Services****GUIDED PATHWAY: Criminal Justice (AAS Degree)**For more information, visit [www.laredo.edu/](http://www.laredo.edu/) and your academic advisor.

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 their education. Courses that complete the Degree (D) and courses that complete the Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing an Associates of Applied Science in Criminal Justice. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Criminal Justice. 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 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 & WRITING PLACEMENT****MATH PLACEMENT****ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY****TSI MET: YES NO**

IF NO, ADVISOR INSERT COURSE(S) NEEDED

☐ **INRW** \_\_\_\_\_☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_**TSI MET: YES NO**

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☐ **DEV MATH** \_\_\_\_\_☐ **OTHER:** \_\_\_\_\_**TSI MET: YES NO**

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☐ **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   |
|---|--|--|--|
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 1301</b> - 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.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options. |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 2328</b> - Police Systems and Practices <sup>1</sup>       |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 2313</b> - Correctional Systems and Practices <sup>1</sup> |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>ENGL 1301</b> - Composition I                                   |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>MATH 1342</b> - Elementary Statistical Methods <b>OR</b>        |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>MATH 1314</b> - College Algebra                                 |  |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

| D |  | SEMESTER 2   | ACTION ITEMS   |
|---|--|--|--|
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 1307</b> - Crime in America                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to file an official degree plan, confirm or update your academic/career path and program of study. |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 1310</b> - Fundamentals of Criminal Law <sup>1</sup> |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>SOCI 1301</b> - Introduction to Sociology                 |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>HIST X3XX</b> – History Elective (CORE)                   |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>XXXX X3XX</b> – Humanities/Fine Arts (CORE) <sup>2</sup>  |  |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

| D |  | SEMESTER 3   | ACTION ITEMS   |
|---|--|--|--|
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 1313</b> - Juvenile Justice System   | <input type="checkbox"/> Meet with a career advisor or instructor to research your career options. |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 2323</b> - Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement  |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>CJLE 1327</b> - Interviewing & Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professions <sup>3</sup> |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>PSYC 2301</b> – General Psychology  |  |
| ◆ |  | <b>GOVT 2305</b> - Federal Government  |  |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15**

| D |  | SEMESTER 4   | <b>Note:</b>  |
|---|--|--|---|
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 1306</b> – Court Systems and Practices <sup>1</sup> (Capstone Course) <sup>4</sup> | After reviewing your degree plan and program of study apply for graduation.<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Meet with your advisor to apply for the AAS in Criminal Justice.<br><input type="checkbox"/> Sign up for commencement |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 2301</b> - Community Resources in Correction                                       |   |
| ◆ |  | <b>CRIJ 2314</b> - Criminal Investigation  |   |
| ◆ |  | <b>CJSA 1348</b> - Ethics in Criminal Justice <sup>3</sup>                                 |   |
| ◆ |  | <b>GOVT 2306</b> - Texas Government  |   |

**TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 15****AAS DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS/PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

1. Denotes field of study courses, as set by THECB September 2019.
2. Humanities/Fine Arts Elective: As indicated in the core curriculum of the college catalog.
3. Students seeking to transfer to a Senior institution should consult catalog or inquire about articulation agreements.
4. Recommended that course be taken on last semester before graduation or transfer.

## 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.federallawenforcement.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 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:** <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.