



CATALOG YEAR 2013-2014

COLLEGE/SCHOOL/SECTION: COAS

Program: Delete: Add: Change: Attach new/changed Program of Study description and 4-year plan. If in current online catalog, provide change and attach text with changes in red.

Justification:

The community has a number of individuals who have amassed extensive hours of Peace Officer training, and who would benefit from being able to use that experience toward completion of a 4-year degree. While it should be clear that the BAAS degree is not sufficient preparation for advanced, graduate studies, this program should nonetheless provide a significant opportunity for targeted individuals to advance their educations and their careers.

Program Learning Outcomes:

At the completion of the program, students will:

1. Demonstrate knowledge of historical and contemporary issues in the field of Criminal Justice by systematically analyzing core topics in policing, the courts, corrections, and criminology.
2. Apply and analyze the social scientific method as a tool for understanding social problems in the field of Criminal Justice.
3. Evaluate/assess knowledge about the discipline through reading professional and/or scholarly literature.
4. Demonstrate professional writing in the field of criminal justice by submitting written assignments using relevant scholarly peer-reviewed articles to develop an understanding of theoretical concepts related to contemporary criminal justice issues and to develop an understanding of research methods and statistics in the field of Criminal Justice.

Approvals:	Signature	Date
Chair Department Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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Chair College Curriculum Committee	_____	_____
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BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES
Criminal Justice Concentration

Following is **one** suggested four-year degree plan. Students are encouraged to see their advisor each semester for help with program decisions and enrollment; responsible for reviewing the **Program of Study Requirements**; and must meet **foreign language** and **writing intensive course** requirements for graduation. See Academic Regulations-Undergraduate online. *See *Appendix A Core Curriculum and Optional Course Information*. ** See *Appendix C* for approved list of minors and requirements.

FALL	HOURS	SPRING	HOURS
FRESHMAN YEAR		FRESHMAN YEAR	
ENGL 1301 English Composition I	3	ENGL 1302 English Composition II	3
HIST 1301 The U.S. to 1877	3	HIST 1302 The U.S. Since 1877	3
MATH 1314 College Algebra	3	MATH Math Elective ²	3
VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	3	VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	3
VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	<u>3</u>	VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	3
		Activity or Wellness*	<u>1</u>
Total	15		16
SOPHOMORE YEAR		SOPHOMORE YEAR	
ENGL Survey of Literature*	3	PSCI 2306 American State Govt	3
PSCI 2305 American National Govt	3	Natural Science*	4
Natural Science*	4	Soc/Behavioral Science*	3
Visual/Literary/Perf Arts*	3	VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	3
VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	<u>3</u>	VTF Voc/Tech Field¹	<u>3</u>
Total	16		16
JUNIOR YEAR		JUNIOR YEAR	
Communication ³	3	SOCI 3336 Criminology	3
Adv CRIJ Elective⁴	3	ENGL 3301 Writing Across Disciplines	3
For Lang/Study Abroad ⁵	3	CRIJ 4325 Statistics in Criminal Justice	3
Research Methods⁶	3	For Lang/Study Abroad ⁵	3
Adv Soc/Beh Sci⁷	<u>3</u>	Adv General Elective ⁷	<u>3</u>
Total	15		15
SENIOR YEAR		SENIOR YEAR	
CRIJ 4321 Senior Pro Seminar	3	Adv CRIJ Elective⁴	3
Adv CRIJ Elective⁴	3	Adv CRIJ Elective⁴	3
Adv General Elective ⁷	3	Adv General Elective ⁷	3
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Total	15		12
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS: 120			

¹**TCLEOSE hours may satisfy Vocational/Technical Field hours upon approval of the Criminal Justice Advisor.**

²Math elective, select 3 SCH from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

³Communication, select 3 SCH from COMM 1311, COMM 1315, ENGL 2311, HUM 2301 or MATH 2371.

⁴Advanced CRIJ select 12 SCH from 3000-4000 level CRIJ.

⁵Foreign Language/Study Abroad, select 6 SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university's foreign language admission requirement. Thus students who meet the university's foreign language admission requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 5 weeks in a non-English speaking country.

⁶Research Methods, select 3 SCH CRIJ 3305, PSCI 3301 or SOCI 3305.

⁷**Advanced General Electives:** Select **18 SCH at the 3000-4000 level** from any discipline **outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences.**

Electives may be used to develop a minor; see Appendix C.

*Actual degree plans may vary depending on availability of courses in a given semester.
Some courses may require prerequisites not listed.*

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PROGRAM OF STUDY – BACHELOR OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

Degree Requirements for the Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences

1. Hours Required: A minimum of **120** semester credit hours (SCH); 45 hours must be advanced, and fulfillment of degree requirements as specified in the “Requirements for Graduation” section of this catalog.

2. University Core Curriculum: **42** SCH as outlined in the suggested plans and as specified in the “Requirements for Graduation”.

3. MATH Elective: **3** SCH selected from any math course above the level of College Algebra.

4. Foreign Language/Study Abroad: **6** SCH in course work (not credit by exam) above the university’s foreign language admission requirement. Thus, students who meet the university’s foreign language admission requirement by earning 6 hours of credit by exam, may take 6 SCH in the same language but at the intermediate level or above, or they may take 6 SCH of another foreign language at the introductory level. This requirement may also be met by earning 6 SCH in any subject while participating in a TAMIU-approved Study Abroad program while living for at least 5 weeks in a non-English speaking country.

5. Major: **27** SCH including: 12 SCH from COMM 3000-4000, ENGL 3300, ENGL 3363 or ENGL 4309; 9 SCH of Social Sciences chosen from any ANTH, CRIJ, PSCI or SOCI at 3000-4000 level; 3 SCH in **Research Methods** chosen from CRIJ 3305, PSCI 3301 or SOCI 3305; and COMM 4350, **or**

Criminal Justice Concentration, 27 SCH including: ENGL 3301; SOCI 3336; CRIJ 3305 or PSCI 3301 or SOCI 3305; CRIJ 4321; CRIJ 4325 and 12 SCH from 3000-4000 level CRIJ.

6. General Electives: A minimum of **21** SCH from any discipline outside the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, at least 18 of which must be at the 3000-4000 level. Electives may be used to develop a minor; see Appendix C.

7. Vocational Technical Field: **21** SCH.

NOTE: TCLEOSE certification training may be applied to the Vocational Technical Field with the approval of the Criminal Justice Advisor. Documentation of successful completion of the Basic Police Academy and proof of passing the Texas Basic Peace Officer Licensing Examination must be provided.