

Criminal Justice-Social Services

(3CRIJ-SS, 4CRIJ-SS)



Program Objectives

Are you looking for an exciting, rewarding and meaningful profession? Do you want to be a role model in your community? Consider a career in public service in one of the fastest growing employment areas. Careers in this field include law enforcement professionals, emergency management and homeland security, and various positions in social work, corrections, probation, and parole. The criminal justice field is a wide and ever-expanding career field that offers employment for the future. A degree in criminal justice is best for those individuals who want to pursue a challenging career in a criminal justice profession, which has been referred to as the “new” liberal arts degree of the future. Students wishing to pursue a four-year degree at a university should enroll in the associate of arts (A.A.) degree plan for the maximum of transferable credits in their chosen field. The criminal justice A.A. degree is the perfect complement to many four-year degrees for its flexibility across disciplines as well as pre-law. The associate of applied science (A.A.S.) degree offers the educational foundation needed in policing, social work, corrections, probation and parole. In addition, there are five certificates of technology that focus on educational direction and are centered around professional fields.

San Jacinto College criminal justice has the educational pathway that will help you advance in your field.

San Jacinto College is a founding member of the POTAAC Agreement with Texas community colleges. This agreement ensures that an option is available for licensed Texas peace officers to obtain college credit for having attended a basic peace officer’s academy in Texas after 1983. Upon proof of completion of a basic academy by having successfully passed the state’s licensing exam, San Jacinto College will articulate 18.0 WECM semester hours upon completion of six hours of criminal justice in residency at San Jacinto College.

San Jacinto College exempts licensed Texas peace officers, who are employed as full time officers, from tuition on criminal justice courses that apply to degrees or certificates in that discipline.

Job Opportunities

Crime is a social problem that will always provide employment opportunities for competent police officers and other criminal justice professionals, such as probation and parole officers. In addition, there will always be equal opportunities for social service providers such as CPS (Child Protective Services), APS (Adult Protective Services), and mental health officers (MHMR). The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics shows that by the year 2016, there will be almost 100,000 police officers employed around the country.

The employment demand in this area is fueled by large dense populations that continue to increase in the Houston-Galveston area.

Degrees and certificates in criminal justice lead to employment in criminal justice occupations such as police and correctional officers. While the threshold for licensure as a police officer in Texas is a high school degree, most local departments look for applicants with a two- or four-year degree.

Only about 20 percent of law enforcement personnel work at the federal levels, so expect competition when applying for positions at the state and federal level.

The associate of arts (A.A.) in criminal justice sets the foundation for the completion of higher education, either a bachelor of arts or master of arts, depending on what professional field you choose.

The associate of applied science (A.A.S.) in criminal justice sets the foundation for the completion of higher education, or can be a terminal degree.

Those desiring to work in social work (CPS, ADS, and fields that include juveniles), or at the Federal level, will need to complete a four year degree or higher.

Certificates in special fields increase knowledge of specific areas and are often used to meet college requirements for hiring requirements of specific agencies where employment is desired.



Fast Facts

About the Program

Type: Technical

Location: Central and North Campuses

Degree/Certificate: Certificate of Technology, Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)

Duration: Two to four terms

For More Information

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Social Services Option (4CRIJ-SS)

Certificate of Technology

First Term	Credit
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice or CJSA 1322 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices or CJSA 1313 Court Systems and Practices.....	3
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices or CJSA 1359 Police Systems and Practices.....	3
CRIJ 2323 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement or CJSA 2300 Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement.....	3
CRIJ 2301 Community Resources in Corrections or CJCR 2324 Community Resources in Corrections.....	3
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System or CJSA 1317 Juvenile Justice System.....	3
Subtotal	18

Second Term	Credit
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America or CJSA 1312 Crime in America.....	3
CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law or CJSA 1327 Fundamentals of Criminal Law.....	3
Approved Elective.....	3
CJCR 2325 Legal Aspects of Corrections.....	3
CJLE 1327 CJLE 1327 Interviewing and Report Writing for Criminal Justice Professions.....	3
Subtotal	15

Certificate of Technology Total **33**
Capstone Experience: CJCR 2325

Approved Electives

CJCR 1304	CJSA 1348	CJSA 2364
CJSA 2388	CRIJ 2313/CJCR 1307	
EMSP 1305	PSYC 2319	SPAN 1411

Social Services and Corrections Option (3CRIJ-SS)

Associate of Applied Science Degree

First Term	Credit
CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice or CJSA 1322 Introduction to Criminal Justice.....	3
CJCR 1307 Correctional Systems and Practices or CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practices.....	3
CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigation or CJSA 1342 Criminal Investigation.....	3
ENGL 1301 Composition I.....	3
BCIS 1305 Business Computer Applications or ITSC 1309 Integrated Software Applications I.....	3
PHED Activity.....	1
Subtotal	16

Second Term	Credit
CRIJ 1307 Crime in America or CJSA 1312 Crime in America.....	3
CRIJ 2301 Community Resources in Corrections or CJCR 1304 Probation and Parole.....	3
CRIJ 1313 Juvenile Justice System or CJSA 1317 Juvenile Justice System.....	3
Speech.....	3
PSYC 2301 General Psychology.....	3
PHED Activity.....	1
Subtotal	16

Third Term	Credit
CRIJ 1306 Court Systems and Practices or CJSA 1313 Court Systems and Practices.....	3
CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Criminal Law or CJSA 1327 Fundamentals of Criminal Law.....	3
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology.....	3
ENGL 2311 Technical Report Writing.....	3
Approved Elective.....	3
Subtotal	15

Fourth Term	Credit
CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practices or CJSA 1359 Police Systems and Practices.....	3
CJCR 2325 Legal Aspects of Corrections.....	3
*Humanities or Fine Arts.....	3
Approved Elective.....	3
MATH 1314 College Algebra or MATH 1333 Contemporary Mathematics for Technical Programs.....	3
Subtotal	15

Associate of Applied Science Degree Total **62**
Capstone Experience: CJCR 2325

Approved Electives

CJLE 1327	CJSA 1348	CJSA 2300
CJSA 2364	CJSA 2388	CRIJ 2323/CJSA 2300
PSYC 2319	SPAN 1411	

* Courses which satisfy this requirement are listed in the Humanities and Fine Arts section of the Transfer Core Curriculum.

Note: For complete program descriptions, please refer to the San Jacinto Community College District Catalog online at www.sanjac.edu/catalog.

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