Sam Houston State University
MEMBER THE TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

Texas Community College Transfer Guide*
Texas Common Core Number System (TCCNS)

SHSU Catalog 2026/2027

Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Criminal Justice

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Core Curriculum Requirements	Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU
Communication (6 hours)	Composition I	3	ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301
	Composition II	3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302
Mathematics (3 hours)	Elementary Statistics OR College Mathematics	3	MATH 1342 MATH 1332	MATH 1342 MATH 1332
Life & Physical Sciences (6 hours)	Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
Language, Philosophy, & Culture (3 hours)	Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
Creative Arts (3 hours)	Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			
American History (6 hours)	United States History to 1876	3	HIST 1301	HSTY 1301
	United States History since 1876	3	HIST 1302	HSTY 1302
Government/Political Science (6 hours)	American Government	3	GOVT 2305	POLS 2305
	Texas Government	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 2306
Social & Behavioral Science (3 hours)[1]	Choose one course from your current Texas community college's core approved list. *CRIJ 1301 (CRIJ 2361) is required for the SHSU degree.*			
Component Area Option Recommendations (6 hours)	Choose two courses from your current Texas community college's core approved list.			

Major Requirement or Field of Study	Course Name	Hours	TCCNS	SHSU
Major	Intro to Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 2361
Major	Criminology	3	CRIJ 1307	CRIJ 2362
Major	Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Correctional Systems & Practices, OR Police Systems & Practices	3	CRIJ 1310 CRIJ 2313 CRIJ 2328	CRIJ 2364 CRIJ 2365 CRIJ 2367

*SHSU accepts a maximum of 70 credit hours: 66 academic hours + 4 hours of activity-based physical education (kinesiology) hours. Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework, overall major GPA in all major coursework, SHSU GPA in all coursework, and SHSU major GPA in all major coursework.
The total hours reflect the inclusion of two lower-division courses -- CRIJ 2362 and CRIJ 2364 -- in the Criminal Justice Concentration. If the student does not have prior credit for CRIJ 2362 and CRIJ 2364, the total hours increase to 126.
A total minimum of 36 advanced hours (3000-4000 level classes) must be taken. These hours may come in part from the concentration and required internship or mentorship. Additional elective hours will be required to complete this requirement.

1 - CRIJ 2361 satisfies the Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).

Full degree can be found here: Criminal Justice, BAAS