



# Criminal Justice Associate of Applied Science

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Texas Southmost College  
Division of Arts and Sciences

The Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice provides career advancement opportunities for those holding a current state law enforcement certification. In order to complete this program, students must complete a TCOLE approved basic peace officer training academy.

### Recommended Course Sequence

Core Courses	Credits	Suggested Semester/Year
ENGL 1301* Composition I	3	Fall/Year 1
MATH 1332* Contemporary Mathematics	3	Fall/Year 1
GOVT 2305 Federal Government	3	Spring/Year 1
SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology OR	3	Fall/Year 2
PSYC 2301 General Psychology		
XXXX X3XX‡ Language, Philosophy & Culture/Creative Arts Elective	3	Fall/Year 2
Program Courses	Credits	Suggested Semester/Year
CJLE 1506† Basic Peace Officer I	5	Fall/Year 1
CJLE 1512† Basic Peace Officer II	5	Fall/Year 1
CJLE 1518† Basic Peace Officer III	5	Fall/Year 1
CJLE 1524† Basic Peace Officer IV	5	Fall/Year 1
CJLE 1429† Basic Peace Officer V	4	Fall/Year 1
CRIJ 1301* Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	Fall/Year 1
CRIJ 1313* Juvenile Justice System	3	Fall/Year 1
CRIJ 2328* Police System and Practices	3	Spring/Year 1
CRIJ 1306† Court Systems and Practices	3	Spring/Year 1
CRIJ 1310* Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	Spring/Year 1
CRIJ 1307* Crime in America	3	Fall/Year 2
CRIJ 2323* Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement	3	Fall/Year 2
<b>Total Credit Hours for Graduation</b>	<b>60</b>	

### Program Student Learning Outcomes

Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLO) are statements that specify what students will know, be able to do or be able to demonstrate when they have completed the program.

1. Discuss constitutional freedoms and rights of citizens and explain how an ethical criminal justice system and participatory citizenship protects those freedoms and rights.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of the three major areas of America's criminal justice system (Police, Courts, & Corrections).
3. Analyze a criminal case and understand its relevance to protect freedoms and rights.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental elements of criminal law.

Check course core designation at the [Class Availability website](#).

\*Grade of "C" or better is required for graduation.

†Courses must be taken in the order offered.

‡Students may take any course within this category of the TSC General Education Core Curriculum.

§Courses must be taken in sequence: United History I and United History II or Mexican American History I and Mexican American History II.