

# **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**

## **THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIJ)**

### **Mission**

The University strives to endow students with the skills necessary for critical knowledge, communication, personal growth, and real-world application opportunities within the Criminal Justice discipline.

The Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice is a four-year interdisciplinary program in the study of crime and the administration of the justice system. The “criminal justice system” study consists of law enforcement, courts, and corrections as a system for the administration of city, county, state, and federal laws and procedures. The curriculum includes a historical overview of the stages of development through which the criminal justice system has evolved and the current state of the system. A broad range of analyses will be offered to meet the academic needs of both professional students who plan future careers in the criminal justice field and those already employed in the criminal justice system.

The primary focus of the program is on the interrelationship of the criminal justice system with other social institutions: crime prevention; types of crimes and classification of offenders; causes and remediation of deviant behavior; policing and crime control; crime scene reconstruction and evidence gathering; the court; probation and parole; rehabilitation; treatment and group counseling programs; and statistical methods in the measurement and analysis of crime.

### **Degree Requirements for a Major in Criminal Justice**

The major requires 45 credit hours of courses in Criminal Justice of which 39 hours are required core classes and (6) hours are electives. In addition, there are two tracks of supporting coursework to choose from to be determined by professional career path. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all major courses.

### **Required Criminal Justice classes (39 hours) include:**

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CRIJ 1312 Community Policing  
CRIJ 2328 Police Practices and Procedures  
CRIJ 2304 Criminal Law / Procedures  
CRIJ 2336 Criminology  
CRIJ 3306 Juvenile Justice  
CRIJ 3308 American Court System  
CRIJ 3329 Methods in Social Research  
CRIJ 3308 American Court System  
CRIJ 4310 Corrections / Rights

- CRIJ 4311 Ethics and Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 4312 Internship I and II in Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 4313 Senior Seminar

**Six credits hours of electives are chosen from the following:**

- CRIJ 2314 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 3315 Comparative Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 3316 Blacks in Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 3317 Special Topics
- CRIJ 4317 Crime Prevention
- CRIJ 4318 Probation and Parole

Supporting Course Work Track I – Twenty-four hours – social science emphasis.

Eighteen hours drawing from at least two disciplines. Course options include but are not limited to:

**Political Science:**

- PSCI 2304 Information Management
- PSCI 2305 Social Science Statistics
- PSCI 2316 Comparative Government
- PSCI 3310 Constitutional Law
- PSCI 3329 Urban Politics
- PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory
- PSCI 3317 Public Policy
- PSCI 3316 Public Administration
- PSCI 3315 Social Welfare Policy
- PSCI 4308 Modern Political Theory

**Sociology:**

- SOCI 2329 Human Sexuality
- SOCI 2320 Conflict Resolution
- SOCI 2319 Addictions
- SOCI 3310 Social Psychology
- SOCI 3319 Minority Group Relations
- SOCI 3320 Victimology
- SOCI 3312 Social Theory
- SOCI 3318 Marriage and the Family
- SOCI 3316 Interventive Methods of Social Work
- SOCI 4300 Social Change
- SOCI 4309 Community
- SOCI 4308 Special Topics

**Psychology:**

- PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
- PSYC 2308 Special Topics: AIDS/HIV
- PSYC 3328 Adolescent Psychology
- PSYC 3308 Psychology and the African American Experience

PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology  
PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Application

Students will select supporting courses with their major advisor with consideration for needs for professional preparation.

**Quantitative: One of the following quantitative courses is also required**

ACCT 2301 Principles of Financial Accounting  
ACCT 4367 Special Topics: Forensic Accounting  
PSCI/PSYC/SOCI 2313 Social Science Statistics  
PSCI/SOCI 3314 Social Science Statistics II

**One of the following courses is also required:**

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition  
ENGL 3363 Advance Rhetoric and Argumentation  
ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing

**Supporting Course Work Track II** - Twenty-two hours - computer forensics emphasis.

COSC 1312 Programming Foundations 1  
COSC 1323 Programming Foundations 2  
COSC 3325 Computer Forensics  
COSC 3321 Computer Organization  
COSC 3315 Operating Systems and Theoretical Foundations  
COSC 3427 Computer Networks and Distribution Systems

**One of the following courses is also required:**

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition  
ENGL 3363 Advance Rhetoric and Argumentation  
ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing

**Requirements for a Minor in Criminal Justice**

Students must complete 18 credit hours. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all minor courses.

*Required:*

CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice  
CRIJ 2336 Criminology

*Of the twelve additional CRIJ credit hours,*

six hours (two classes) must be upper division courses;  
three hours (one class) must be senior level.

## A SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR

YEAR 1							
<b>FALL</b>					<b>SPRING</b>		
UNIV	1201 or	Freshman Orientation	2	ENGL	1302	College Rhetoric and Composition	3
RAMS	1201						
ENGL	1301	Introduction to College Composition	3	COMM	1315	Public Speaking	3
MATH	1314	College Algebra	3	KINE	1304	Dimensions of Health and Wellness	3
CRIJ	1301	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3			Fine Arts Core Language II	3
KINE		Personal Fitness/Sports	1				
Language I			3				
Total Hours			15	Total Hours			15
SUMMER 1							
COSC	1300	Introduction to Computers	3				
YEAR 2							
<b>FALL</b>				<b>SPRING</b>			
Science I			4	Science II			4
ENGL	2326	American Literature	3	CRIJ	1312	Community Policing	3
HIST	1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3	PSCI	1301/1302	U.S. <i>or</i> Texas Government	3
RELI	2302	Comparative Religion <i>or</i>				Behavioral Science	3
PHIL	2301	Philosophy and Ethics	3			Supporting Class	3
		Supporting Class	3				
Total Hours			16	Total Hours			16
YEAR 3							
<b>FALL</b>				<b>SPRING</b>			
CRIJ		CJP Elective	3			Supporting Course	3
CRIJ	2328	Police Practice/Procedures	3	CRIJ	3306	Juvenile Justice	3
CRIJ	2304	Criminal Law/Procedures	3	CRIJ	3307	Criminal Investigation	3
CRIJ	2336	Criminology	3	CRIJ	3329	Research Methods	3
CRIJ	3308	American Court System	3	CRIJ		Elective for CJP	3
Total Hours			15	Total Hours			15
YEAR 4							
<b>FALL</b>				<b>SPRING</b>			
CRIJ	4310	Corrections and Rights	3			Quantitative Course	3
CRIJ	4311	Ethics and Criminal Justice	3	CRIJ	4313	Senior Seminar	3
CRIJ		Supporting Course	3	ENGL		Advanced Writing Class	3
CRIJ	4312	Internship in Criminal Justice	3			Elective	3
Supporting Course			3			Supporting Course	3
Total Hours			15	Total Hours			15

### COURSES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE (CRIJ)

#### **CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is an introductory course designed to familiarize students with the history, philosophy and progress of the criminal justice system in the United States. Included is an overview of the ethical considerations, crime defined, law enforcement, court system, prosecution and defense, trial process and corrections. The responsibilities of various agencies of the Criminal Justice System will also be delineated.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 1312 Community Policing** **3 Credit Hours**

This is a basic introductory course treating the broad field of police and relations, focusing particularly on police and community response. Included in this course will be discussion of the philosophy of community policing, its impact on police administration and personnel, and implementation and evaluation issues.

**Prerequisite: None** **Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 2304 Criminal Law and Procedures** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the nature of criminal law: philosophy and historical developments, major definitions and concepts, classification of crime, elements of crimes and penalties using Texas Statutes as illustrations, and justifications of and defenses to criminal responsibility. Criminal procedure also addresses: prosecution, right to counsel, pre-trial release, grand juries, the adjudication process, types and rules of evidence, and sentencing.

**Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301** **Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 2314 Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice** **3 Credit Hours**

This course will address current issues in the criminal justice system such as racial profiling, terrorism, safety, and community involvement related to safety issues.

**Prerequisite: None** **Offered: Every Other Year**

**CRIJ 2328 Police Practice and Procedures** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is an overview of the history and philosophy of law enforcement in a democratic society in accordance with the Constitution. Emphasis is given to the police profession: organization of law enforcement systems, the police role, police discretion, ethics, police-community interaction, and current and future issues.

**Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301** **Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 2336 Criminology** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the nature and causation of crime, crime typologies, and the extent of criminality. Specific topics to be addressed may include crime as a form of deviant behavior; nature and extent of crime; past theories; evaluation and prevention, control, and treatment programs. This course is the same as SOCI 2336.

**Prerequisite: None** **Offered: Fall/Every Other Year**

**CRIJ 3306 Juvenile Justice** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is designed to review the nature and extent of delinquency; explanatory theories; the juvenile justice system: history, philosophy, and evaluation of the juvenile court; juvenile courts and procedures; the role of a police officer and the correctional officer.

**Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301** **Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 3307 Criminal Investigations and Forensics** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the fundamentals of investigation; duties and responsibilities of the investigator; interrogation techniques of protecting the crime scene; collection and preservation of evidence, scientific aids and other sources of information; court preparation and case follow-up. Students gain basic knowledge of forensic evidence development in crime scene techniques including some practical experience with techniques concerning various types of evidence including fingerprint, impressions, hair, fiber, trace, firearms, biological, accelerant, explosives and drugs.

**Prerequisites: CRIJ 1301** **Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 3308 American Court System** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the judiciary in the criminal justice system of the American court system including its legal basis, structure, jurisdiction and operation. It also involves an analysis of the

legal transactions involved in the accusation, arrest, adjudication, and disposition of criminal offenders.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 3315 Comparative Criminal Justice**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of the organizational, administrative, and philosophical principles of criminal justice systems around the world. This course meets a diversity requirement.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Every Other Year**

**This course also meets a diversity requirement**

**CRIJ 3316 Blacks in Criminal Justice**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course addresses issues that have culminated in African Americans warranting closer examination/study on issues of social change, economics, education and what may be biases of the criminal justice system that serve to disenfranchise blacks, i.e., disparities in adjudication outcomes both at the criminal and juvenile justice levels as well as other phases of criminal justice processing. This course also examines the contributions made by blacks to the field of criminal justice.

**Prerequisites: None**

**Offered: Every Other Year**

**CRIJ 3317 Special Topics**

**3 Credit Hours**

Topics vary according to the current interests of the department and/or students. *May be repeated* once when topics vary.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: As Needed**

**CRIJ 3329 Methods in Social Research**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences. Same as SOCI 3329

**Prerequisites: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

**CRIJ 4310 Corrections and Rights**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a systematic study of the official ways in which society reacts to persons who have been convicted of committing criminal acts, including persons handled by the juvenile courts. The rights of the accused are also addressed.

**Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 4311 Ethics and Criminal Justice**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is designed to explore moral decision-making. Basic moral or ethical frameworks are applied to ethical decisions which often need to be made in the Criminal Justice System by police officers, judges, prosecutors, and correctional officers.

**Prerequisite: CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Yearly**

**CRIJ 4312 Internship in Criminal Justice**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course provides upper-level students the opportunity to perform as participants in established criminal justice agencies at the local, state, and federal levels. This is a writing intensive course.

**Prerequisites: Approval by instructor or Chair; May be repeated**

**Offered: Yearly**

**This is a writing intensive course**

**CRIJ 4313 Senior Seminar**

**3 Credit Hours**

This capstone course synthesizes the key factors of the major courses taken during the students' previous years of study. Students prove knowledge of research methods, theory and policy through a term project. This course includes a lecture series providing and allowing students to hear criminal justice professionals address important career related issues. Other seminar

components include interviewing, resume construction, financial security, recognition of job security and professionalism. An exit exam covering undergraduate study in the major will be given.

**Prerequisites: Approval by Instructor or Chair**

**Offered: Yearly**

**This is a writing intensive course**

### **CRIJ 4317 Crime Prevention**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is designed to review the nature, causation, and extent of personal, business, and property crimes and proven methods and techniques and experimental means of dealing with criminal activity. This course also address as the human and civil resources necessary to engage in an effective and comprehensive crime prevention program. **Prerequisites:**

**CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Yearly**

### **CRIJ 4318 Probation and Parole**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the philosophy, evaluation, and functions of probation and parole. Specific topics include differentiation between probation and parole, the processes involved in the consideration for granting probation and parole and the related conditions. This course also looks closely at how probation and parole are impacted by recidivism (or the effectiveness of probation and parole).

**Prerequisites: CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Yearly**

## **THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSCI)**

### **Mission**

The curriculum in Political Science is designed to provide knowledge and understanding of the basic concepts of political science, the fundamental theories of the state and its evolution, the national and international political forces and the constitutional system.

The major or minor sequence in Political Science may serve as basic undergraduate preparation for (1) entrance into graduate school, (2) entrance into law school, (3) a career in public service, or (4) the teaching of government, civics, or other related social studies in the public schools.

### **Requirements for a Major in Political Science**

The major in Political Science consists of a minimum of 36 credit hours (in addition to the PSCI 1301 Core requirement) and a maximum of 39 credit hours.

1. The following courses are required: PSCI 1302, 1303, 2304, 2313, 2316, 3316, 3328, 4308, and 4329.
2. The balance of required semester hours must be selected from the list of Political Science electives: PSCI 1300, 2300, 2309, 3310, 3329, 3314, 3317, 3315, 4300, 4319, 4318, 4317, 4307, and ECON 2301 or ECON 2302.
3. A grade of "C" or higher is required in all major courses.

## **Requirements for a Minor in Political Science**

The minor in Political Science consists of 18 credit hours.

1. The following courses are required: PSCI 1302, 1303, and 3317.
2. The balance of the credit hours may be selected from the list of required Political Science electives: PSCI 1300, 2313, 3310, 3329, 3317, 3328, 3315, 4300, 4319, 4318, 4317, 4308, and 4307.
3. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all minor courses.



## A SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE POLITICAL SCIENCE MAJOR

<b>YEAR 1</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
UNIV 1201	Freshman Orientation	2	
RAMS or 1201			
ENGL 1301	Introduction. to College Composition	3	ENGL 1302 College Rhetoric and Composition 3
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	COMM 1315 Public Speaking 3
PSCI 1301	American Government	3	COSC 1300 Introduction to Computers 3
KINE 1100/1101	Personal Fitness/Sports	1	Fine Arts Core 3
Language I		3	Language II 3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours 15
<b>YEAR 2</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
KINE 1304	Dimensions of Health and Wellness	3	Science II 4
Science I		4	Behavioral Science Core 3
World Literature I/II or American Literature		3	Political/Social Science 3
HIST 1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3	PSCI 2304 Information. Management for Social Sciences 3
PSCI 1301	Introduction. to Political Science	3	PHIL 2301 Philosophy and Ethics 3
Total Hours		16	Total Hours 16
<b>YEAR 3</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
PSCI 2313	Social. Science Statistics I	3	PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory 3
PSCI 3316	Public Administration	3	PSCI 4308 Modern Political Theory 3
Diversity Core I		3	Political Science Elective 3
RELI 2302	Comparative Religion	3	Diversity Core II 3
Elective		3	Elective 3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours 15
<b>YEAR 4</b>			
<b>FALL</b>		<b>SPRING</b>	
PSCI 2316	Comparative Government	3	Political Science Elective 3
Political Science Elective		3	PSCI 4329 Senior Seminar 3
Elective		3	Elective 3
Elective		3	Elective 3
Elective		3	Elective 3
Total Hours		15	Total Hours 15

### COURSES IN POLITICAL SCIENCE (PSCI)

#### **PSCI 1300 Introduction to Transportation**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of concepts, research methods, career opportunities, institutions and groups involved in the field of transportation studies.

**Prerequisite: PSCI 1303 or consent of instructor**

**Offered: Fall/Every Three Years**

#### **PSCI 1301 American Government (Federal)**

**3 Credit Hours**

A study of the organization, processes, and functions of the Federal government of the United States, emphasizing an analysis of the U.S. Constitution, its origins, development, and interpretation. Other topics include the operation of our representative democracy, civil rights and civil liberties, political parties, and elections. *It is required of all teacher certification candidates.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Spring Yearly

**PSCI 1302 American Government (State and Local)**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the organizational processes and problems of state and local government in our country, with particular emphasis on the government of the State of Texas. The course covers the Texas Constitution, its legislative, executive, and judicial functions, and how policy is formed at the state and local level. *It is required of all teacher certification candidates.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Spring Yearly

**PSCI 1303 Introduction to Political Science**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the evolution of the discipline, contributions of major political thinkers, techniques of political analysis, and career options for students of political science. *This course is required for all Political Science majors.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Spring Yearly

**PSCI 2300 International Politics**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a review of political principles, problems, and factors involved in the foreign policies and relations of nation-states. Particular emphasis is placed on the sources and uses of national power and difficulties in limiting the use of such power.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Every Three Years

**PSCI 2304 Information Management for the Social Sciences**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course focuses on the Internet, intermediate to advanced level applications on electronic spreadsheet, database, graphics, and other modes of presenting ideas and reports. It involves a survey of case applications in public and private organizations, and one hour of lecture and three hours of laboratory work. Same course as SOCI 2304.

**Prerequisite:** COSC 1300

**Offered:** Spring

**PSCI 2313 Social Science Statistics I**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely. *It is required for Psychology and Sociology majors.*

**Prerequisite:** MATH 1314

**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

**PSCI 2316 Comparative Government**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a comparative treatment of the governmental and political institutions of selected modern states and of state and local governments of the U.S.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Every Other Year

**PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the origin and development of American constitutional principles, law, and practices; judicial review; and the impact of constitutional law and practice on policy development and execution. Case materials consist of leading constitutional decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Every Other Year

**PSCI 3314 Social Science Statistics II**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course emphasizes advanced quantitative methods needed to perform statistical analysis using microcomputers. Students learn how to use the SPSS/PC+ program to perform statistical analysis.

Emphasis is on analysis of variance (ANOVA) and multiple regression. May be counted as an elective in Psychology.

**Prerequisite: PSCI 2305**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

**PSCI 3315 Social Welfare Policy**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of the development of selected legislation, such as adoptions, housing, child labor, physical and mental health, and social security, with emphasis on pre-legislative and legislative developments affecting welfare services. Same as SOCI 3315.

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or PSCI 1302  
or CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Spring (during Legislative Session)**

**PSCI 3316 Public Administration**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is an examination of all aspects of the art and science of administering governmental agencies: coordination and control, communication, personnel management, public relations, and planning. Comparisons are made with private management.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Yearly**

**PSCI 3317 Public Policy**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course emphasizes introductory concepts and analytical techniques in policy analysis as well as the role of various constituents in the policy process.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Yearly**

**PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is an examination of the classical foundations of political thought.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

**PSCI 3329 Urban Politics**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is an examination of political behavior in urban areas of the United States. It reviews patterns of urban political systems and politics in America's large cities and their relations to and impact on minorities living in the inner city. It emphasizes the strategies and tactics of groups in shaping urban politics and programs.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Spring/Every Other Year**

**PSCI 4300 Internship/Coop in Political Science**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is an internship experience for Political Science majors. Students work as interns with three options: Legislative Work; Parties, Campaigns and Elections; Governmental Research.

**Prerequisite: PSCI 2305, nine hours upper division  
or instructor approval**

**Offered: As Needed**

**PSCI 4307 Special Topics in Political Science**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers specific topics in Political Science, which vary from one semester to the next. Examples of possible topics include, but are not limited to, Technology and World Politics, The Geo-Politics of Energy/Environment, Global Terrorism, and the Politics of Global Narcotics. Students may take the course twice when a different topic is covered. The course is open to upper-level majors and minors or by permission of the instructor.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: As Needed**

**PSCI 4308 Modern Political Theory**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of major political philosophers, theorists, periods, and movements. Emphasis is placed on modern ideologies and on the evolution and development of the American political system.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: As Needed**

**PSCI 4317 African Government and Politics**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a survey course on contemporary government and politics of Sub-Saharan Africa designed to broaden political perspective through exposure to African political culture and to provide historical background from which the student may examine and analyze political trends and ideologies in contemporary Africa.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Every Three Years**

**PSCI 4318 Foreign Policy**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the principles, problems, and issues involved in the formulation and execution of American foreign policy as well as analysis of current trends in foreign policy.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Every Three Years**

**PSCI 4319 Quantitative Methods for the Social Sciences**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers introductory concepts, models, and techniques of quantitative analysis designed to facilitate decision making and problem solving for students interested in public management. Topics include project management, simulation, scheduling, and quality control.

**Prerequisite: PSCI 2305**

**Offered: Fall/Every Other Year**

**PSCI 4329 Senior Seminar**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a capstone course involving a comprehensive review of the discipline including its core competencies. It covers test preparation and test taking techniques and includes a comprehensive departmental examination.

**Prerequisite: Senior status**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

## **THE PRE-LAW MINOR**

### **Description and objectives**

In this program students will take an interdisciplinary course of study that will help prepare them to gain admission to, and graduate from, accredited law schools in the United States.

### **Requirements for the Minor in Pre-Law Studies**

A grade of "C" or better is required in all minor courses.

The minor comprises 18 hours of courses beyond the Core Curriculum from the list of courses below:

PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law

PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory

ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition

ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation

ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing

HIST 1302 U.S. History II

PHIL 2307 Logic

ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics

## COURSES IN THE PRE-LAW MINOR

### **PSCI 3310 American Constitutional Law** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the origin and development of American constitutional principles, law, and practices; judicial review; and the impact of constitutional law and practice on policy development and execution. Case materials consist of leading constitutional decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Every Other Year

### **PSCI 3328 Ancient Political Theory** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is an examination of the classical foundations of political thought.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

### **ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition** **3 Credit Hours**

This is an advanced writing course combining theory and practice of modern research with an examination of modern standard American English that stresses rhetorical and pragmatic approaches to the use of writing conventions and appropriate grammar and usage. Students learn to use the tools of revision, rhetoric, and technology. The difference between first draft writing and writing for publication is stressed.

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 1302 or its equivalent

**Offered:** Fall Yearly

### **ENGL 3363 Advanced Rhetoric and Argumentation** **3 Credit Hours**

This course offers a survey of the history of rhetoric from classical to contemporary and the analysis of significant argumentation, particularly law and politics. The study is sensitive to the historical and cultural contexts in which arguments are produced and received and considers how rhetorical theory and practice change over time.

**Prerequisite:** ENGL 1302; **Recommended:** ENGL 3353

**Offered:** Spring Yearly

### **ENGL 3393 Introduction to Technical Writing** **3 Credit Hours**

This course helps students gain understanding, experience, and skill in scientific, technical, and business communication. They learn basic theories of scientific and technical writing and explore how to use logic, arrangement, and style in writing for various scientific and technical audiences. Major writing assignments, class discussions, and other coursework introduce students to principles and contexts of specific types of scientific, technical, and professional documents. Genres might include research proposals, research reports, lab reports, professional resumes, and job application letters. Assignments model real-world scientific and professional writing and include team projects and oral presentations. The course reinforces general principles of good writing. Students assess, revise, and edit their own writing. By the end of the course, students should have the ability to write clearly and succinctly on technical subjects.

**Prerequisite:** Completion of the English core curriculum courses;

**Offered:** Yearly

**Recommended:** completion of Advanced Composition

### **HIST 1302 United States History II** **3 Credit Hours**

An introduction to United States history from Reconstruction to the present. *It is required of all teacher certification candidates.*

**Prerequisite:** HIST 1301 or Instructor approval

**Offered:** Fall/Spring Yearly

### **PHIL 2307 Logic** **3 Credit Hours**

This course rigorously introduces students to central forms of argumentation. The emphasis is on helping students improve oral and written argumentative skills. These skills help students express

themselves in a more efficacious and convincing manner. We discuss three systems of logic: categorical logic, propositional logic, and predicate logic.

**Prerequisite: ENGL 1301**

**Offered: Once Every Two Years**

**ECON 2301 Principles of Microeconomics**

**3 Credit Hours**

An introduction to the basic descriptive, analytical, and policy problems at the microeconomic level. Emphasis is placed on the roles of supply, demand, and price in the allocation of scarce resources.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Spring Yearly**

## **THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)**

### **Mission**

The Psychology curriculum is flexible and may be tailored to meet each student's needs and interests to prepare them for careers and/or advanced study in psychology or other areas of interest.

Psychology is a relevant field of study for many professions and careers in psychology as well as other professions such as social work, counseling, education, medicine and health, business and industry, and law and criminal justice.

### **Requirements for a Major in Psychology**

Students pursuing a major in psychology must complete at least 36 credit hours.

1. 27 required hours consisting of the following:
  - PSYC 2313 or SOCI 2313 Statistics I
  - PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
  - PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
  - PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology
  - PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Applications
  - PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology
  - PSYC 4319 Field Placement
  - PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar
  - PSYC 3329 or PSYC 3319 Program Evaluation
2. 9 hours of psychology electives are to be taken from the psychology offerings. One course may be substituted for another with the major advisor's approval.
3. A student, who chooses not to select a minor, must also take SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology and ENGL 3353 Advanced Composition.

4. Psychology majors must complete a total of 124 hours.
5. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all major courses.

### **Requirements for a Minor in Psychology**

Students pursuing a minor in psychology must complete at least 18 credit hours.

1. The following courses are required for a minor in Psychology:
  - PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology
  - PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
  - PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology
  - Nine additional credit hours excluding PSYC 4319 Field Placement
  - Only one of the following courses may be included – PSYC 4300 Independent Research or PSYC 2308 Special Topics in Psychology
  - A grade of “C” or higher is required in all minor courses.

## A SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR

<b>YEAR 1</b>			
<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>
UNIV 1201 or	Freshman Seminar	2	ENGL 1302 College Rhetoric and Composition
RAMS 1201	Freshman Seminar		
ENGL 1301	Introduction to College Composition	3	COMM 1315 Public Speaking
MATH 1314	College Algebra	3	KINE 1304 Health and Wellness
PSYC 1301	Introduction to Psychology	3	Fine Arts Core
KINE 1100/1101	Personal Fitness/Sports	1	Language II
Language I		3	
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Total Hours		15	Total Hours 15
 <b>YEAR 2</b>			
<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>
Science I		4	Science II
PSCI 2305	Social Science Statistics I	3	PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development
HIST 1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3	PSCI 1301/1302 U.S. or Texas Government
RELI 2302 or	Comparative Religion	3	Diversity Core I
PHIL 2301	Philosophy and Ethics		World Literature I, II, or American Literature
COSC 1300	Introduction to Computers	3	
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Total Hours		16	Total Hours 16
 <b>YEAR 3</b>			
<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>
PSYC 3314	Theories in Psychology	3	PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory/Application
Psychology Elective		3	
Psychology Elective		3	PSYC/SOCI 3329 Methods in Social Research
Diversity Core II		3	
Elective		3	Psychology Elective
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Total Hours		15	Total Hours 15
 <b>YEAR 4</b>			
<b>FALL</b>			<b>SPRING</b>
PSYC 4319	Field Placement	3	PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar
Psychology Elective		3	
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		3	Elective
Elective		1	Elective
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Total Hours		16	Total Hours 16

### COURSES IN PSYCHOLOGY (PSYC)

#### **PSYC 1301 Introduction to Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a general survey of the field of psychology with specific coverage of the use of the scientific method in increasing knowledge about psychology, biological explanations of human behavior, and the different basic theoretical perspectives on the description and explanation of human behavior, such as behaviorism, psychoanalysis, cognitive and humanistic psychology. It This course is an eclectic and multicultural approach attempting to understand people through a dynamic interaction of biological, psychological, socio-cultural, and historical factors and balancing principles and



contemporary applications of psychology. This is a fundamental course to prepare students for more advanced study in the social sciences

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

**PSYC 2300 Biopsychosocial Aspects of Racial Disparities  
In Health/Mental Health: Unequal Treatment**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course surveys the psychological, biological, and social factors associated with racial disparities in health and mental health. The Institute of Medicine's (IOM) historic report *Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care* will serve as a launching point. This course is presented from the perspective of the reciprocal interactionism model that focuses on how consumer and health system dynamics reciprocally influence each other through a myriad of influencing variables, including culture, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, income, lifestyle, racism, discrimination, and sexism.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 1301, PSYC 2313

**Offered:** Every two years

**PSYC 2302 Human Growth and Development**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course examines: physical, cognitive, emotional, language, social, and moral development throughout the entire lifespan of humans, including conception, prenatal, infancy, childhood, adolescence, and adulthood within a socio-cultural environmental perspective; and psychodynamic, behavioral, humanistic, and cognitive theories of development. Same as EDUC 2303.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Every two years

**PSYC 2308 Special Topics in Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers specific topics in the area of Psychology. Topics vary from one semester to the next. Examples of possible topics are: health psychology; survey of the application of psychology to contemporary issues in African America; the psychology of violence; experimental psychology, physiological psychology, history and systems of psychology; etc. It is open to upper-level majors and minors and requires the instructor's approval. Two of these courses can count toward a major degree requirement in psychology and only one of these courses can count toward a minor degree requirement in psychology.

**Prerequisite:** PSYC 1301

**Offered:** Yearly

**PSYC 2310 Addictions**

**3 Credit Hours**

The course examines drug, alcohol, eating, cigarette, sexual and gambling addictions, and the addictive process. Treatment and recovery for addictive individuals will be covered. This course is cross-referenced to Sociology (SOCI 2319) and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program.

*This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/ Every two years

**PSYC 2313 Social Science Statistics I**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely. Same as PSCI 2313/SOC 2313.

**Prerequisite:** MATH 1314

**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

**PSYC 2320 Conflict Resolution**

**3 Credit Hours**

Conflicts often occur when there is a perceived divergence of interest or when there is a belief that individual or group aspirations cannot be met simultaneously. Consequently, interpersonal and inter-group relationships frequently are unsatisfactory, unproductive, and abusive. This course focuses on types of conflicts, forces that escalate conflicts, and models of conflict resolution. This course is cross referenced to Sociology (SOCI 2320) and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Spring/ Every two years**

**PSYC 3300 Learning and Memory**

**3 Credit Hours**

After covering in detail classical and operant conditioning, this course will address other models of learning (e.g., cognitive learning, social learning). Modern models of memory are addressed, including short-term and long-term memory, and depth of processing models.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Every Year**

**PSYC 3308 Psychology of the African American Experience**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers the unique experiences of African Americans from a perspective that focuses on psychology, including affective, cognitive, and social aspects, but is interdisciplinary in its scope. Topics include: the importance of culture in understanding psychological development; theoretical and methodological considerations necessary in doing research in African American psychology; coping with racism and oppression and other mental health issues; workplace social pathology; cultural competence training; correlates of achievement; and the use of African-centered principles to re-socialize and re-educate African American youth in the new millennium.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Every Year**

**PSYC 3309 Personality**

**3 Credit Hours**

The course explores the major current and historical theoretical approaches (psychodynamic, trait, behaviorism, and humanism) to the study of the different characteristic patterns of behaving, thinking, and feeling that exist across individuals; the variety of tests and inventories used to assess personality; and their contemporary application.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Every two years**

**PSYC 3310 Social Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course surveys theories about the factors that shape individuals' feelings, behaviors, and thoughts in social situations and the use of the scientific method in understanding these factors. A wide range of social, cognitive, environmental, cultural, and biological conditions that shapes the social behavior and thought of individuals is covered.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**PSYC 3314 Theories in Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a systematic analysis of the major theoretical perspectives in psychology on behavior, e.g., behavioral, humanistic, cognitive, motivational, and psychodynamic perspectives.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Yearly**

**PSYC 3317 Perception and Cognition**

**3 Credit Hours**

The focus of this course is how humans take in and process information about the world around them. It addresses cognitive styles, patterns of thinking, neural bases of thought, and current models of cognitive processing.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**PSYC 3319 Program Evaluation**

**3 Credit Hours**

In this course, students learn to apply quantitative and qualitative social science research methods to evaluate the effectiveness of programs and how to use that information for program improvement and strategic planning. It focuses on connecting theory and practice by teaching students how to conduct research based evaluation through hands-on application of theory, research, and statistics to demonstrate effectiveness. Learning how to evaluate programs and organizations is a highly marketable skill which will help prepare students for leadership roles in the workplace; it is an invaluable tool for grant writing and the non-profit sector (may be taken instead of PSYC 3329 research methods).

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSYC 2313, and PSYC 3314**

**Offered: Every two years**

**PSYC 3320 Educational Psychology and Measurements**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the application of scientific knowledge about individual differences, personality development, and the process of learning to the problems of teaching and learning. This course includes the examination of measurement and evaluation of student achievement using standardized tests and informal assessment procedures.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Spring/Every two years**

**PSYC 3328 Adolescent Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a detailed study of the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of adolescents.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Spring/Every two years**

**PSYC 3329 Methods in Social Research**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences. Same as CRIJ 3329 and SOCI 3329.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301**

**Offered: Spring/Yearly**

**PSYC 4300 Independent Research**

**3 Credit Hours**

The purpose of this course is to encourage Psychology majors and the Psychology faculty to collaborate in hands-on research. Students will receive three hours credit for undertaking research with a faculty member. The question being addressed by the research need not be original with the student, but the student must play a significant role in the conduct of the research. The student and faculty member decide what that role will be. \*A student can take only one of these courses and the professor's approval is required.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSCI 2305, PSYC 3329 or SOCI 3329, and two other PSYC courses**

**Offered: As Needed**

**PSYC 4308 Counseling Theory and Application**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers counseling theory and how it is applied, including the different models of psychotherapy.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301 or SOCI 1301**

**Offered: Every Year**

**PSYC 4316 Abnormal Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course covers historical and current approaches to mental abnormality and how psychologists use these approaches to diagnose and treat patients. The schizophrenias, mood, anxiety, somatoform, dissociative, personality, and sexual and gender disorders and the different models of psychotherapy are examined.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**PSYC 4319 Field Placement**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course provides pre-graduation exposure to the real-world setting in which psychologists are employed. Students work 12-15 hours per week toward a minimum of 156 hours in the field. Students must have at least second semester junior standing and the approval of the professor.

**Prerequisite: PSYC 1301, PSCI 2305, PSYC 3329, and four other PSYC courses**

**Offered: Fall/Every Year**

**PSYC 4327 Senior Seminar**

**3 Credit Hours**

This is a capstone course that provides students with a comprehensive review of the discipline of psychology, including the development of a senior thesis project that demonstrates their accomplishments. Each of the following must be passed at 70% or better to pass this course and graduate in psychology: the comprehensive exam over the field of psychology, the thesis project, and

the average of other class content. Students must have completed at least 33 hours in psychology and have last semester senior standing or permission from the professor.

**Prerequisite: 24 hours in Psychology**

**Offered: Spring/Every Year**

## **THE BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)**

### **Mission Statement**

Provide broad knowledge and understanding of the organization, institutions, culture, and processes of society.

The curriculum in the field of Sociology is designed to:

1. Make clear the interrelatedness of Sociology and other social disciplines.
2. Provide the viewpoints and tools essential for significant, systematic study and interpretation of social problems.
3. Prepare students for advanced study in graduate and professional institutions and for work.
4. Incorporate technology into the discipline.
5. Help students master the nine core competencies.

### **Requirements for a Major in Sociology**

A student majoring in Sociology must complete 36 credit hours.

1. Twenty-four of these hours must be: SOCI 1301, *Introduction to Sociology*; SOCI 2313, *Social Science Statistics I*; SOCI 3312, *Social Theory*; SOCI 3329, *Methods in Social Research*; SOCI 3316, *Interventive Methods of Social Work*; SOCI 4327, *Senior Seminar*; SOC 4328, *Field Experience*; and SOC 2304, *Information Management for the Social Sciences*. SOCI 1301 is a prerequisite for other courses unless otherwise noted.
2. 12 additional credit hours are to be taken from the Sociology offerings.
3. A student without a minor must also take PSYC 1301 and two 3000 level English writing courses and receive a “C” or above in each course (total of nine hours).
4. Students wishing to emphasize Social Welfare Studies should include in their program the social welfare sequence: SOCI 2300, 3319, 3318, 3315, 3316, and 4328.
5. All majors must complete a professional portfolio and pass a comprehensive Sociology exam at 75% or better.
6. Sociology majors must complete a total of 122 hours.
7. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all major courses.

### **Requirements for a Minor in Sociology**

A student who minors in Sociology is required to complete 21 credit hours.

1. Required courses are SOCI 1301 and SOCI 3316.
2. 15 additional hours.

3. SOCI 1301 is a prerequisite for other courses unless otherwise noted.
4. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all minor courses.

### SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY MAJOR

YEAR 1			
<b>FALL</b>			
UNIV	1201 or	Freshman Seminar	2
RAMS	1201	Freshman Seminar	
ENGL	1301	Introduction to College Composition	3
MATH	1314	College Algebra	3
KINE	1100/1101	Personal Fitness/Sports	1
Language I			3
SOCI	1301	Introduction to Sociology	3
Total Hours			15
<b>SPRING</b>			
ENGL	1302	College Rhetoric and Composition	3
COMM	1315	Public Speaking	3
KINE	1304	Dimensions of Health and Wellness	3
Fine Arts Core			3
Language II			3
Total Hours			15
YEAR 2			
<b>FALL</b>			
Science I			4
SOCI	2313	Social Science Statistics I	3
SOCI	2300	Contemporary Social Problems	3
HIST	1301/1302	U.S. History I or II	3
COSC	1300	Introduction to Computers	3
Total Hours			16
<b>SPRING</b>			
Science II			4
PSCI	3304	Information Management for the Social Sciences	3
Sociology Elective			3
Elective			3
Literature			3
Total Hours			16
YEAR 3			
<b>FALL</b>			
PHIL	2301 or	Philosophy and Ethics	
RELI	2302	Comparative Religion	3
SOCI	3312	Social Theory	3
SOCI	3316	Methods in Social Work	3
Sociology Elective or Minor			3
3000 Level Writing			3
Total Hours			15
<b>SPRING</b>			
SOCI	3329	Methods in Social Research	3
Diversity Core I			3
Sociology Elective			3
Minor or			3
3000 Level Writing			
Elective or minor			3
Total Hours			15
YEAR 4			
<b>FALL</b>			
Elective	Sociology		3
Elective or minor or	Introduction Psychology		3
Diversity Core II			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Total Hours			15
<b>SPRING</b>			
SOCI	4327	Senior Seminar	3
SOCI	4328	Field Experience	3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Elective			3
Total Hours			15

**\*Note:** Two required English courses and Introduction to Psychology will substitute for 9 hours of electives if student does not have a minor. Those having a minor will substitute minor courses for some of the elective courses.

### COURSES IN SOCIOLOGY (SOCI)

#### **SOCI 1301 Introduction to Sociology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a preliminary survey of the field of Sociology. It introduces students to concepts, research areas, and precepts in Sociology. Portfolios will be developed.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

**SOCI 2300 Contemporary Social Problems** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of contemporary social issues, problems, and trends in the United States and a cursory examination of world problems. Basic social institutions in crisis (family, education, religion, government, economics, etc.) are examined.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 2304 Information Management for the Social Sciences** **3 Credit Hours**

This course focuses on the internet, intermediate to advanced level applications on electronic spreadsheet, database, graphics, and other modes of presenting ideas and reports. It involves a survey of case applications in public and private organizations, one hour of lecture and three hours of laboratory work per week. Same as PSCI 2304

**Prerequisite:** CIS 103

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 2309 Special Topics** **3 Credit Hours**

The topic will vary, allowing for the expertise of professors and the emerging information in the field. It can be taught either semester. Examples are: Collective Behavior, Cultural Anthropology, and Gangs. Students may only take a total of two special topics selected from SOCI 2309 or SOCI 4308.

**Prerequisite:** May vary depending upon the course

**Offered:** As Needed

**This is a writing intensive course**

**SOCI 2313 Social Science Statistics I** **3 Credit Hours**

This course introduces concepts and methods used in social science statistics and helps students learn how to use statistical tools wisely. Same as PSCI 2313/PSYC 2313

**Prerequisite:** MATH 1314

**Offered:** Fall/Yearly

**SOCI 2319 Addictions** **3 Credit Hours**

The course examines drug, alcohol, eating, cigarette, sexual and gambling addictions, and the addictive process. Treatment and recovery for addictive individuals will be covered. This course is cross referenced to Psychology and is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. Same as PSYC 2320. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/ Every two years

**SOCI 2320 Conflict Resolution** **3 Credit Hours**

Conflicts often occur when there is a perceived divergence of interest or when there is a belief that individual or group aspirations cannot be met simultaneously. Consequently, interpersonal and inter-group relationships frequently are unsatisfactory, unproductive, and abusive. This course will focus on types of conflicts, forces that escalate conflicts, and models of conflict resolution. This course is crossed referenced to Psychology and is a support course for Criminal Justice Program. Same as PSYC 2320. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/ Every two years

**SOCI 2329 Human Sexuality** **3 Credit Hours**

Human reproduction, birth control, and sexually transmitted diseases are among the topics discussed. The development of sex roles and the cultural impact on sexual relationships are introduced. Students are allowed to explore any issue related to human sexuality. A research paper is required.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 2336 Criminology** **3 Credit Hours**

This course is a critical examination of criminal behavior as an aspect of social deviation, including theories of criminality, causes, and treatment.

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**SOCI 3310 Social Psychology**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course surveys theories about the factors that shape individuals' feelings, behaviors, and thoughts in social situations and the use of the scientific method in understanding these factors. The wide range of social, cognitive, environmental, cultural, and biological conditions that shape the social behavior and thought of individuals will be covered. Same as PSYC 3310.

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or PSYC 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**SOCI 3312 Social Theory**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a systematic analysis of the development of concepts and theories of Sociology, with extensive readings from outstanding writers, with an emphasis on the relationship of social theory to political, social, and economic backgrounds.

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300 or CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Fall/ Every two years**

**SOCI 3314 Social Science Statistics II**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course emphasizes advanced quantitative methods needed to perform statistical analysis using microcomputers. Students learn how to use SPSS/PC+ program to perform statistical analysis. Emphasis is on analysis of variance (ANOVA) and multiple regressions. Same as PSCI 3314

**Prerequisites: PSCI 2313, PSYC 2313, SOCI 2313**

**Offered: Spring/yearly**

**SOCI 3315 Social Welfare Policy**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a survey of the development of selected legislation, such as adoptions, housing, child labor, physical and mental health, and social security, with emphasis on pre-legislative and legislative developments affecting welfare services. Same as PSCI 3315.

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or PSCI 1302 or  
CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Spring (during Legislative Session)**

**SOCI 3316 Interventive Methods in Social Work**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of techniques used by the professional social worker, emphasizing methods of working with individuals, groups, and communities. Writing, interviewing, listening, and problem assessment skills are emphasized. Case assessment and record keeping are stressed. *This is a writing intensive course*

**Prerequisite: SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300 or PSYC 1301 or CRIJ 1301**

**Offered: Fall/Yearly**

**SOCI 3318 Marriage and the Family**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course examines relationships within traditional and non-traditional marriages. Families are analyzed cross-culturally according to their form, structure, and life-cycle. Family violence will be examined. It is a support course for the Criminal Justice Program. *Writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite: Sophomore Standing**

**Offered: Fall/Every two years**

**SOCI 3319 Minority Group Relations**

**3 Credit Hours**

This course will focus primarily on race, gender, class and sexuality and the interrelated systems of inequality based in social relationships of power and control. It will examine the privileged positions of those with power and control and the oppressions that harm and restrict others. A conceptual framework will be used to understand and recognize dimensions of privilege and oppression and how these processes are manifested within interpersonal and institutional relationships. *This is a writing intensive course and meets a diversity requirement.*

**Prerequisite: None**

**Offered: Spring/Every two years**

**SOCI 3320 Victimology****3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the wide range of victimization experiences from the perspective of the victim, families and society. Discussions will center on the historic plight of crime victims, problems and dilemmas faced by crime victims, relationship between offenders and victims, victim's rights, victim justice, attitudes toward victimization and the emergence of the victim's role in the criminal justice process. Students are to learn and be able to apply theoretical and/or practical responses to issues involving victimization and victim assistance programs. Crimes that may be studied include workplace violence, corporate crime, robbery, burglary, assault, rape, stalking, domestic violence, homicide, suicide, elderly abuse and child sexual abuse and exploitation. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 1301 or SOCI 2300 or CRIJ 1301 or PSYC 1301

**Offered:** Fall/ Every two years

**SOCI 3329 Methods in Social Research****3 Credit Hours**

This course presents the application of scientific methods of investigation in the social and behavioral sciences. Same as CRIJ 3329, PSYC 3329

**Prerequisites:** SOCI 2313 and SOCI 1301 or PSYC 1301

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 4300 Social Change****3 Credit Hours**

This course examines the state of society: what it is, how it works, and how it changes. It includes studies of the progress, problems, and prospects of contemporary society; trends and the dynamics of world development. Attention is also given to individual reactions to social change.

*This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** Junior Status

**Offered:** Every Other Year

**SOCI 4308 Special Topics in Sociology****3 Credit Hours**

This course covers specific topics in the area of Sociology which vary from one semester to the next. Examples of possible topics are: gender issues, urban sociology, homelessness, population problems, the sociology of poverty, and sociology of the arts. Topics are not restricted to those listed. Students may take the course twice when a different topic is covered. Open to upper-level majors and minors or by permission of the instructor. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** May vary depending upon the course

**Offered:** As Needed

**SOCI 4309 The Community****3 Credit Hours**

This course is a study of the physical, social, psychological, and institutional characteristics of communities in the United States. Problems in the community are stressed. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** SOCI 1301 and three additional hours in Sociology

**Offered:** As needed

**SOCI 4327 Senior Seminar****3 Credit Hours**

As a capstone course, students will engage in a comprehensive review of the discipline of Sociology and the core competencies they were to have mastered. Students will contact graduate schools and potential employers, as well as develop a comprehensive portfolio that demonstrates their accomplishments, take a practice GRE, LSAT, or MCAT, and pass the Sociology comprehensive exam with a score of 75% or above. *This is a writing intensive course.*

**Prerequisite:** 24 hours in Sociology

**Offered:** Spring/Yearly

**SOCI 4328 Field Experience****3 Credit Hours**

The focus is on the translation and extension of social work knowledge in professionally supervised practice with individuals, groups, and/or communities in public or private organizations. Students work 12 hours per week and a minimum of 156 hours total in the field. Students must have junior or



senior standing and the approval of the professor. The agency supervisor **MUST** evaluate the student. The course can be repeated once at a different placement for Sociology credit.

**Prerequisites: SOCI 1301, SOCI 3316 and two other Sociology courses**

**Offered: Spring /Yearly**

## **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATOR PREPARATION (EDUC)**

### **Mission**

The Educator Preparation Program at Huston-Tillotson University is framed within a social justice perspective that enhances educator candidate’s ability to apply research-based pedagogy in a wide range of educational settings.

To fulfill this mission, the educator candidates engage in field-based experiences with diverse populations through collegial relationships, reciprocal dialogue, and authentic practices. HT educator candidates emerge as professionals with the competence and commitment to participate in and contribute to a complex and changing society. This program is committed to ethics and excellence in teaching, research, and service.

### **General Information**

Graduates from this program receive an a degree in Teacher Education with an interdisciplinary focus or a specific academic concentration (e.g. Math, History, and Music). Every educator candidate must complete a bachelor's degree with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major as well as the Professional Development sequence of educator preparation courses. After admission into the Educator Preparation Program, students complete the Professional Development Sequence of courses. Candidates who fulfill degree requirements are designated **Program Completers**.

Huston-Tillotson University has approval from the State Board for Educator Certification to prepare candidates for teacher certification in the following areas:

### **DEGREES OFFERED**

<b>Academic Major</b>	<b>Degree</b>	<b>Educator Certificate</b>	<b>Grade Level</b>
Teacher Education	BA	EC-6 Generalist	EC-6
Teacher Education	BA	Special Education	EC-12
Teacher Education	BA	Technology Applications	8-12
Mathematics	BA	Mathematics	4-8
Mathematics	BS	Mathematics	8-12
Biology	BA	Life Science	8-12
Computer Science	BA	Computer Science	8-12
Chemistry	BS	Physical Science	8-12