

Northeast Texas Community College &
Texas A&M University – Texarkana
2019-2020 Guided Pathways

Associate of Science in Criminal Justice to
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice

NTCC		A&M-TEXARKANA	
COURSES	HOURS	COURSES	HOURS
ENGL 1301 (with C or better)	3	CJ 400	3
SPCH 1315 (or) SPCH 1321	3	CJ 430	3
MATH 1342	3	CJ 454	3
BIOL 1308*	3	CJ 480	3
BIOL 1309*	3	CJ 485	3
PHIL 2306*	3	Upper Division Criminal Justice Electives	15
ARTS 1301*	3	ENG 340	3
HIST 1301	3	ITED 315	3
HIST 1302	3	Upper Division Electives	18
GOVT 2305	3	Upper Division (or) Lower Division Electives (Maximum 21 SCH Criminal Justice Transfer Curriculum can be used to Meet Degree Requirements)	6
GOVT 2306	3		
ECON 2301*	3		
ENGL 1302 (with C or better)	3		
CAO B*	3		
CRIJ 1301	3		
CRIJ 1306 (or) CRIJ 1307 (or) CRIJ 1310 (or) CRIJ 1313 (or) CRIJ 2313 (or) CRIJ 2314 (or) CRIJ 2323 (or) CRIJ 2328	12		
Criminal Justice Elective (Requires Instructor Approval)	3		
TOTAL	60	TOTAL	120

*Other Courses may Apply. See NTCC Degree Plan for Options

54 Upper Division (UD) Hours Required for the BS Degree

30 Hours of Residency Required

Travel to Main Campus in Texarkana will be Required to Complete This Degree

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Texas A&M University – Texarkana
Course Descriptions

CJ 1301. Introduction to Criminal Justice. 3 Hours. This course is a survey of U.S. law enforcement, courts, and corrections at the federal, state, and local level. The course includes research, analysis, and writing tasks appropriate to freshman level development as well as explorations of criminal justice education and career options.

CJ 310. The Juvenile Justice System. 3 Hours. This course covers the history and development of traditional and current methods for responding to the needs of the juvenile offender, juvenile practices and procedures, juvenile law, and the role of the police and other involved agencies.

CJ 311. Drugs, Crime and the Law. 3 Hours. This is a survey of the historical, social, and political discourse on the relationship between drugs, people, and policy in the U.S. focusing on the criminalization of certain substances. It includes historical patterns of drug abuse in the U.S., drug laws, contemporary drug use, the connection of drug use to crime and violence, and the "War on Drugs".

CJ 312. Guns and Violence in American Society. 3 Hours. This course explores philosophical, Constitutional, and empirical questions and claims about firearms and their place and effects in U.S. Society. Special attention is given to debate over the Second Amendment and competing hypotheses about the relationship of guns to violence.

CJ 315. Law and Society. 3 Hours. This course is an examination of the nature, functions, and limitations of law as an instrument of social control. Emphasis is placed on developing an understanding of the situational and systemic demands within which actors in the legal system operate and perform their roles and in developing a perspective which views law as a practical resource and as a mechanism for handling the widest range of unspecified social issues, problems, and conflicts. This course is cross listed with [SOC 315](#).

CJ 320. Deviance and Deviant Behavior. 3 Hours. This course is an introduction to the general phenomena of social deviance with primary emphasis given to non-criminal deviance and victimless crimes, including mental disorders, drug use, prostitution, sexual deviance, and pornography. The course is cross listed with [SOC 320](#). Prerequisite: [SOCI 1301](#).

CJ 325. Crime and Delinquency. 3 Hours. This course provides a study of the meaning, nature, and extent of crime and delinquency, including analysis and evaluation of preventive and treatment methods. Emphasis will be on theories of crime and delinquency causation. Cross listed with [SOC 325](#). Prerequisite: [SOCI 1301](#).

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CJ 330. Institutional Corrections, Theory, and Practice. 3 Hours. This course provides examinations of the historical development of corrections, including concepts of punishment and rehabilitation, with emphasis on institutional corrections from conviction to release. Cross listed with [SOC 330](#).

CJ 340. Criminal Law and Procedure. 3 Hours. This course covers the history and philosophy of modern substantive criminal law with an emphasis on the Texas Penal Code. The course provides definitions and elements of principle crimes, criminal liability, and defenses to criminal penalties.

CJ 350. Types of Crime. 3 Hours. This course provides a detailed analysis of four major categories of crime: white collar, street crime, organized and consensual crime, and violent crime.

CJ 360. Probation, Parole, and Community Corrections. 3 Hours. This course provides a survey and analysis of probation and parole as well as other community reintegration efforts such as boot camps, halfway houses, restitution centers, electronic monitoring, and other community-centered programs.

CJ 380. Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in America. 3 Hours. This course reviews the originalities and experiences of the various national, ethnic, cultural, religious, and social groups that make up what is known today as the United States of America. Attention is also paid to how such originalities and/or experiences impact or influence contemporary realities for each group. Cross listed with [SOC 380](#).

CJ 400. Internship. 3-9 Hours. This course offers supervised experience in a criminal justice agency. The course offers participant observation and hands-on experience that provides the opportunity to integrate theory and practice (3-9 SCH). Only 3 SCH apply to the major. To receive 9, SCH the student must work full-time 3 months during either the summer or a long semester. A student may earn a maximum of 9 SCH for an internship, with only 3 SCH counted for the major. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

CJ 420. Administration of Criminal Justice Agencies. 3 Hours. This course provides an analysis of modern administration theory and management principles and their application to the unique operating problems of criminal justice organizations.

CJ 421. American Law Enforcement Studies. 3 Hours. This course focuses on historical developments and problematic issues in law enforcement. In addition to long-term intransient issues, it examines contemporary issues based on recent and ongoing events. Cross listed with [CJ 521](#).

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CJ 430. Constitutional Issues: Rights of Accused and Convicted Offenders. 3 Hours. This course offers an examination of state and federal constitutional rights and guarantees for the offender; rights and privileges of incarcerated offenders; and constitutional rights of juveniles.

CJ 454. Research Techniques in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours. This course provides an introduction to research methods and computer applications in criminal justice. This course covers word processing, electronic spreadsheets, and an introduction to major criminal justice databases.

CJ 460. Civil Disruption, Terrorism, and Mass Violence. 3 Hours. This course provides an examination of historic and current trends in civil disruption from a domestic and an international perspective and from civil disobedience to more violent means of dissent or revolt.

CJ 470. Police and Community Relations. 3 Hours. This course provides an examination of the interface between the police and the community they serve. Topics under consideration include civilian review boards, deadly force, police corruption, community-oriented policing, the police and other community agencies that serve the public, and crime prevention methods versus traditional policing that responds after a crime is committed.

CJ 472. Introduction to Forensic Science. 3 Hours. This course is the study of basic concepts, techniques, practices, and procedures of criminalistics, including the most current technologies in forensic analysis. Criminal investigation of actual cases will be discussed with a minimum of scientific terminology. In addition, the nature of physical evidence will be emphasized, including the use of DNA profiling. Instructors strongly recommend this course for Criminal Justice majors and Pre-Allied Health track students in Biology. Prerequisite: Junior or Senior standing.

CJ 480. Criminological Theories. 3 Hours. This course describes the role of theory in crime scholarship. It surveys the major schools of thought related to crime causation (sociological, psychological, and biological) and particular theories about crime and delinquency, places these theories in historical context, and reviews some of the primary assumptions of the theories and conclusions reached from criminology research.

CJ 485. Seminar in Criminal Justice. 3 Hours. This course provides students with a detailed understanding of the various agencies that make up what the government refers to as the criminal justice system in America. Emphasis is placed on how the organization, management, goals and objectives of each agency affect administration of justice.

CJ 489. Individual Study. 3 Hours. This course provides individual instruction. Students may repeat the course when topics vary.

CJ 497. Special Topics. 3 Hours. Instructors will provide an organized class designed to cover areas of specific interest. Students may repeat the course when topics vary.

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