

# CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## 2025-2026 Catalog Year

The Criminal Justice degree equips students with the knowledge and skills for careers in the public sector, law enforcement, corrections, court-related employment, nonprofits and private agencies, loss prevention, and corporate security and investigative work. Affording students, the opportunity to tailor their degree to suit their career goals and interests. Visit the departments website: [hps.unt.edu/CJUS/welcome-criminal-justice](https://hps.unt.edu/CJUS/welcome-criminal-justice) for more information about the faculty and the program. The HPS Advising office assists students with degree planning to completion.

The Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas consists of 120 college credit hours. The degree requires 42 hours of general academics, in addition to 42 hours in the major & supporting coursework along with 36 hours of general electives.

With a degree in Criminal Justice, you can pursue a career in (some areas require advanced degrees or certification):

- Policing
- Research & Teaching
- Private Security
- Counseling
- Corrections
- Law
- Corporate Investigation
- Criminology
- Parole
- Criminalistics
- Corporate Security
- Victim Services
- Probation
- Private Investigation
- Juvenile Justice
- Case Management

## MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

### Criminal Justice Required Courses (18 Hours):

CJUS 2100	Crime and Justice in the United States	CJUS 3900*	Research Methods in CJUS
CJUS 3500	Inequality, Crime and Justice	CJUS 4600*	What is Justice?
CJUS 3600	Criminology	CJUS 4901*	CJUS Capstone Experience

### Criminal Justice Elective Hours (15 Hours): Does not have to all be from the same area of interest:

#### Law Enforcement

CJUS 2300	Police Systems
CJUS 3330	Introduction to Criminalistics
CJUS 4330	Domestic & International Terrorism
CJUS 4360	Criminal Investigation
CJUS 4500	Administration of CJ Agencies

#### Corrections

CJUS 2400	Correctional Systems
CJUS 3410	Correctional Case Management
CJUS 4460	Community Corrections
CJUS 4500	Administration of CJ Agencies
CJUS 3610	Juvenile Justice

#### Law

CJUS 2500	Criminal Law
CJUS 4200	Criminal Procedure
CJUS 4250	Law and Social Problems
CJUS 3210	Judicial and Legal Systems
CJUS 4500	Administration of CJ Agencies

### Supporting Courses (9 Hours):

PSYC 1630	General Psychology I
MATH 1680	Elementary Probability & Statistics
TECM 2700**	Technical Writing (In addition to the 6hrs of communication core)

#### Rehabilitation & Victim Services

CJUS 3630	Drugs, Crime and Society
CJUS 4650	Victimology
CJUS 4610	Alternative Systems of Crime Control
CJUS 4280	Gender & Crime

#### Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice

CJUS 3630	Drugs, Crime and Society
CJUS 3340	Computer Crime
CJUS 4480	White Collar Crime
CJUS 4650	Victimology
CJUS 4610	Alternative Systems of Crime Control

#### Additional Courses Options

CJUS 3310	Organized & Consensual Crime
CJUS 3320	Corporate Security & Loss Prevention
CJUS 3620	Juvenile Delinquency
CJUS 4350	Seminar on Violence
CJUS 4660	Offender Behavior
CJUS 4720	Student Police Academy
CJUS 4750*	Inside Out Prison Exchange
CJUS 4850*	Internship in Criminal Justice
CJUS 4870	Topics in Criminal Justice

\* Require prerequisite(s), contact HPS advisor for more information.  
\*\*TECM 2700 requires a pre-req of ENGL 1310 or TECM 1700.

42 Advanced hours are required overall for degree.  
UNT advanced hours are courses numbered 3\*\*\* or 4\*\*\*.