

Criminal Justice Field of Study

The Field of Study (FOS) curriculum for Criminal Justice is the set of lower-division courses that must be applied to the Bachelor degree with a major in Criminal Justice, regardless of degree designation. The FOS also applies to Criminology, Victim's Studies, Law Enforcement, Public Safety, and related undergraduate programs.

Education Code Chapter 61, Section 823, directs the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to develop FOS curricula to facilitate student transfer. If a student successfully completes a FOS for an established degree program, the student may transfer that block of courses for full academic credit. The transferred FOS courses must be substituted for that institution's lower-division requirements for the discipline degree program into which the student transfers. If a student completes only part of the FOS, then credit for those courses must also apply toward the major.

The FOS was approved at the July 26, 2018 Board meeting and is effective starting with the fall 2019 semester. There are no changes from the existing FOS curriculum.

Criminal Justice FOS Curriculum

Course Title	Course Number	Semester Credit Hours
Introduction to Criminal Justice	CRIJ 1301	3
Court Systems & Practices	CRIJ 1306	3
Fundamentals of Criminal Law	CRIJ 1310	3
Correctional Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2313	3
Police Systems & Practices	CRIJ 2328	3
TOTAL		15