

GUIDED PATHWAY: CRIMINAL JUSTICE – FIELD OF STUDY (For transfer to UNT Dallas, BS in Criminal Justice)

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH

For more information, visit the [Dallas College Criminal Justice webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/criminaljustice) [www.dcccd.edu/CriminalJustice] and your success coach at your campus.

This guided pathway is designed to meet the needs of students who plan to major in Criminal Justice at a university. An Associate of Arts degree in this pathway prepares you to transfer to UNT Dallas to earn a bachelor’s degree that opens the door to a career in corrections, probation, government and private security settings.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in Criminal Justice. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn an A.A. degree with a Field of Study in Criminal Justice, which will increase your chances of transfer to bachelor’s-level programs at UNT Dallas. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours (15 hours) required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official degree requirements](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/FOS/foscriminal_aa.cfm?use_nav=_cdc).

Visit [www.dcccd.edu/transfer](http://www.dcccd.edu/transfer) and select “Transfer from Dallas College” then click on UNT Dallas to view more information about transferring to that institution. Speak with your success coach to choose courses that will help you pursue Criminal Justice as a major at UNT Dallas.

**Catalog Year** 2021-2022 You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.

**Degree Type** Associate of Arts Field of Study

**GPA Requirement** Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher

[**TSI**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/AdmissAssessAdvEnroll/tsi.cfm#requirements) Must be Complete

## SEMESTER-BY-SEMESTER MAP FOR FULL-TIME STUDENTS

All plans can be modified to fit the needs of part-time students. This is not an official degree plan. See catalog for [official degree requirements](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/programs/FOS/foscriminal_aa.cfm?use_nav=_cdc).

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS FIELD OF STUDY DEGREE MINIMUM: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

### **SEMESTER 1 Total Hours: 16**

[**ENGL 1301**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=ENGL#1301) – Composition I *This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of “C” or higher.*

[**HIST 1301**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=HIST#1301) – United States History I *This is a Core course.*

[**MATHEMATICS X3XX**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/CoreCurriculum/CoreObjectivesFCA.cfm)Core Elective\**This is a Core course. Must earn a grade of “C” or higher.*

[**CRIJ 1301**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#1301) – Introduction to Criminal Justice

[**SPCH 1311**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=SPCH#1311) – Introduction to Speech Communication *This is a Core course.*

[**PHED 1164**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=PHED#1164) – Introduction to Physical Fitness and Wellness*This is a Core course.*

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your success coach for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Meet with your success coach to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. At the end of the semester, begin researching information at UNT Dallas to major in Criminal Justice.
3. Meet with your success coach to research your career options with a degree in Criminal Justice.

### **SEMESTER 2 Total Hours: 15**

[**ENGL** **1302**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=ENGL#1302) – Composition II *This is a Core course.*

[**HIST 1302**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=HIST#1302) – United States History II *This is a Core course.*

[**CRIJ 1307**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#1307) – Crime in America

[**CRIJ 1306**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#1306) – Court Systems and Practices

[**SOCI 1301**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=SOCI#1301) – Introduction to Sociology *This is a Core course.*

#### **SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Meet with your success coach to request an official program of study audit and confirm or update your academic/career pathway and program of study.
2. Ask your success coach about options to pursue the bachelor’s degree**.**

### **SEMESTER 3 Total Hours: 16**

[**LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/CoreCurriculum/CoreObjectivesFCA.cfm)**\*** *This is a Core course.*

[**GOVT 2305**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=GOVT#2305) – Federal Government *This is a Core course.*

[**CREATIVE ARTS ELECTIVE**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/CoreCurriculum/CoreObjectivesFCA.cfm)\* *This is a Core course.*

[**LANGUAGE, PHILOSOPHY, and CULTURE ELECTIVE**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/CoreCurriculum/CoreObjectivesFCA.cfm)\* *This is a Core course.*

[**CRIJ 1310**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#1310) – Fundamentals of Criminal Law

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your success coach for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Begin applying to UNT Dallas.
2. Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships. You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. *(i.e., in October 2021, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at UNT Dallas Fall 2022)*
3. Check with your success coach for important deadlines and dates.

### **SEMESTER 4 Total Hours: 13**

[**LIFE AND PHYSICAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/GeneralInfo/CoreCurriculum/CoreObjectivesFCA.cfm)**\*** *This is a Core course.*

[**GOVT 2306**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=GOVT#2306) – Texas Government *This is a Core course.*

[**CRIJ 2313**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#2313) – Correctional Systems and Practices

[**CRIJ 2328**](https://www1.dcccd.edu/catalog/courseDescriptions/detail.cfm?loc=econ&course=CRIJ#2328) – Police Systems and Practices

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your success coach for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS**

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your success coach to apply for the Associate of Arts degree with the Criminal Justice Field of Study.
2. Sign up for commencement.
3. Request final transcripts to be sent to UNT Dallas.
4. Join the [Alumni Network](https://www.dcccd.edu/alumni/pages/default.aspx)!

**DALLAS COLLEGE PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

## University of North Texas at Dallas

For questions about the UNT Dallas portion of this pathway, contact the **Academic Advising Office** at (972) 338-1645 or Advising@untdallas.edu. It is best to apply to UNT Dallas a full semester before you plan to transfer. It will help if you submit a copy of this pathway with your application. If the Associate of Arts Field of Study in Criminal Justice degree is completed, CRIJ 1306 and CRIJ 1307 will be substituted for PSYC 1100 and TECM 2700, two lower-division degree requirements for the Bachelor’s degree at UNT Dallas. A grade of “C” or higher is required in all courses listed below. See catalog for [official degree requirements](http://catalog.untdallas.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=20&poid=833).

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

### **SEMESTER 1 Total Hours: 15**

**CJUS 2600** – Diversity Issues in Criminal Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

**CJUS 3610** – Juvenile Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

**CJUS 3700** – Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*General Elective (Any level)

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor and/or course catalog for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
3. Multi-Semester register for the upcoming 3 academic terms.
4. Meet with a career advisor/coach to research your career options with a degree in Criminal Justice.

**SEMESTER 2 Total Hours: 15**

**CJUS 3350** – Statistics in Criminal Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

**CJUS 3600** – Criminology *This is a Major Core requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*General Elective (Any level)

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor and/or course catalog for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official degree audit.
2. Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.

### **SEMESTER 3 Total Hours: 15**

**CJUS 4200** – Criminal Procedure *This is a Major Core requirement.*

**CJUS 4700** – Research Methods in Criminal Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*General Elective (Any level)

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor and/or course catalog for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 3 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Begin applying to Graduate School.
2. Begin applying for Financial Aid and Scholarships. You can start the FAFSA in October for the next academic year. *(i.e., in October 2021, you can complete the FAFSA if you plan to register for classes at a college or university Fall 2022)*
3. Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.

**SEMESTER 4 Total Hours: 15**

**CJUS 4300** – Comparative Criminal Justice *This is a Major Core requirement.*

**CJUS 4901** – Senior Seminar *This is a Major Core requirement.*

\*Upper Division Criminal Justice Elective (3000 or 4000 level) *This is a Major Elective requirement.*

\*Upper General Elective (3000 or 4000 level)

\*General Elective (Any level)

**\*** There are several options to fulfill this requirement. See your academic advisor and/or course catalog for a specific list.

#### **SEMESTER 4 ACTION ITEMS**

1. Meet with your advisor to request an official degree audit.
2. Check with your advisor for important deadlines and dates.
3. Sign up for commencement.
4. Request final transcripts to be sent as applicable.
5. Join the UNT Dallas Alumni Association.

**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS AT DALLAS PATHWAY TOTAL: 60 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE MINIMUM: 120 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS**