

Criminal Justice | Bachelors

	FIRST YEAR	MIDDLE YEARS	LAST YEARS
ADVANCE your academic journey	Meet with First Year Advising to develop your academic planning. Explore majors with MyMajors Assessment. Take advantage of the Student Learning Assistance Center.	Meet with the Applied Arts Advising Center for questions about the major. Explore external scholarship opportunities such as Fulbright U.S. Student Program to take your expertise to unique locations abroad. Seek scholarship opportunities offered by the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Share your knowledge as a Peer Mentor or Tutor at SLAC.	Check your Degree Audit & meet with your academic advisor. Explore next steps including potential graduate programs. Complement your degree with a micro credential.
EXPAND your personal and social development	Review your degree plan for course options that include the Service-Learning Excellence program. Build social networks by joining student organizations that focus on criminal justice. Find additional events and organizations through the Bobcat Organization HUB.	Consider study abroad options including faculty-led, exchange, virtual, and short-term affiliated programs which are available through Education Abroad. Discover Global Online Learning Experiences for courses with culturally dynamic perspectives Participate in The Big Event to give back to the regional community.	Select a service activity through Student Involvement to give back to the area community Seek out a leadership role with the Leadership & Service program. Attend a Student Government Senate meeting to contribute to your fellow students and your own student experience.
ENRICH your practical competence	Explore the TXST One Stop for more information about the scholarships provided to new and continuing students. Attend an IDEA Center workshop to learn more about undergraduate research. Visit BOSS for scholarship opportunities.	Meet with the School of Criminal Justice and Criminology internship coordinator before taking an internship. Learn the criminal justice undergraduate research experience guidelines to meet essential requirements of the major. Become a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, a national criminal justice honor society, to promote academic excellence, recognize outstanding achievement in the field of criminal justice, support community service, and connect with a network of criminal justice professionals and students.	Learn about Global Career Accelerator options that give you experience with global companies and in-demand tech skills. Consider joining the Peace Corps Prep to learn how to gain valuable international experience, make a global impact, and engage in meaningful cultural exchange.
ELEVATE your career and professional development	Complete your Career Assessments, such as Focus2. Create a Handshake account for present or future job searches. Create your LinkedIn profile and connect with colleagues and leaders. Develop and review your resume with Career Services.	Develop and review your resume with Career Services. Build Career & Graduate School Fairs into your schedule to ensure your connection maximum opportunities. Prepare to ace your job interviews with Career Services.	Develop a full-time employment or graduate school plan with Career Services Attend Employer Information Sessions at Career Services or your department. Complete your First Destination Survey to share your post-graduation plans. Identify and establish faculty and professional references.

OUTCOMES

Marketable Skills

Think critically

Analyze and solve problems

Communicate clearly and effectively

Employ professional, ethical and culturally-sensitive decision-making in research and practice as a representative of the criminal justice system

Identify the causes of crime and explain its impact on victims and society

Integrate community and institutional correctional procedures, organizational structures and management approaches with criminal justice practice

[See more marketable skills for this major](#)

Career Opportunities

Police officer

Criminal profiler

Jail screener

State trooper

Deputy sheriff

Fire investigator

Bailiff

Narcotics officer

Homicide detective

Crime prevention specialist

National security agency

Police officer

Fraud investigator

Experiences in Criminal Justice

The bachelor of science in criminal justice is designed to provide students with the tools necessary to gain employment in related criminal justice fields such as probation, parole, policing, asset protection and other non-practitioner roles such as research and rehabilitation counseling. The curricula address a wide range of social issues and research opportunities which provide a foundation of knowledge necessary to excel in a challenging world. Students may participate in Education abroad or Study in America trips, learn with peers in major related organizations, develop a professional community at networking events, compete in student competitions, or join general student organizations for a well-rounded experience.