

Bachelor of Criminal Justice with Emphasis in Law Enforcement

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Law Enforcement Leadership (BSCJ-CJCB) at East Texas A&M University is a 100% online, competency-based program designed specifically for law enforcement professionals, peace officers and military personnel. Tailored to meet the unique needs of first responders, this program provides flexible, self-paced learning that recognizes prior experience and training, such as police academy and other advanced certification.

With a focus on preparing law enforcement leaders for the challenges of modern policing, coursework emphasizes ethics and professionalism, leadership, officer wellness, communication, crisis response, and evidence-based practices. Students develop critical skills to lead with integrity, manage high-stakes incidents, and foster public trust. Graduates are equipped to make meaningful impacts in their agencies and communities while advancing their careers in law enforcement leadership.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with emphasis in Law Enforcement Leadership requires the completion of 120 semester hours. Up to 30 semester hours of lower-level Criminal Justice credit may be awarded for those with certification (see note below). Up to 84 semester hours may be transferred into the program and the remaining courses are offered in 7-week terms.

Students who have completed the certification programs below may receive up to 30 semester hours of credit for the lower-level criminal justice required core courses once they have successfully completed 30 semesters hours from East Texas A&M University.

- Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)
- Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) for the State of Oklahoma
- Peace Officer Standards and Training Council (POST) for the State of Louisiana
- Department of Homeland Security United States Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Integrated Training Program via the United States Border Patrol Agency (federal)

Core Curriculum Courses

See the Core Curriculum Requirements (<https://coursecatalog.tamuc.edu/undergrad/core-curriculum-requirements/>) 42

Lower-Level Criminal Justice Required Core

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| CJ 1301 | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 |
| CJ 1306 | Courts and Criminal Procedure | 3 |
| CJ 1307 | Crime in America | 3 |
| CJ 1310 | Fundamentals of Criminal Law | 3 |
| CJ 1313 | Juvenile Justice System | 3 |
| CJ 2301 | Community-Based Corrections | 3 |
| CJ 2313 | Correctional Systems | 3 |
| CJ 2314 | Criminal Investigation | 3 |
| CJ 2323 | Legal Aspects of Law Enforcement | 3 |
| CJ 2328 | Police Systems & Practices | 3 |

Applied Major Courses **

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| CJCB 302 | 21st Century Policing | 3 |
| CJCB 303 | Ethics, Values and Professionalism in Policing | 3 |
| CJCB 304 | Critical Incident Decision Management | 3 |
| CJCB 305 | Communication | 3 |
| CJCB 306 | Officer Wellness | 3 |
| CJCB 307 | Technical Writing | 1 |
| CJCB 308 | Crime Analysis | 2 |
| CJCB 402 | Leadership | 3 |
| CJCB 403 | Policing the Future | 3 |
| CJCB 499 | Capstone | 3 |

Support Courses

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| CJCB 309 | Procedural Justice | 3 |
| CJCB 404 | Critical Shift | 3 |
| CJCB 405 | Evidence-Based Policing | 3 |
| CJCB 406 | Implicit bias | 3 |

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| CJCB 407 | Organizational Culture in Public Safety | 3 |
| CJCB 408 | Critical Thinking & Decision Making | 3 |
| CJCB 409 | Homeland Security/Terrorism | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 120 |

** Applied Major Courses - Require a grade of B or better.

*** Students may transfer in up to 12 semester hours in lower or upper-level course work from a community college, another 4-year institution, or approved transfer credit.

***** At least 9 semester hours must be upper level and completed at ETAMU courses.

Second Bachelor's Degree

Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree, but are seeking a second bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice with an Emphasis in Law Enforcement Leadership must complete:

(HIST 1301 History of the United States through Reconstruction, HIST 1302 History of the United States Since Reconstruction, PSCI 2305 United States Government and Politics, PSCI 2306 Texas Government and Politics) CJCB 302 21st Century Policing; CJCB 303 Ethics, Values and Professionalism in Policing; CJCB 304 Critical Incident Decision Management; CJCB 305 Communication; CJCB 306 Officer Wellness; CJCB 307 Technical Writing ; CJCB 308 Crime Analysis ; CJCB 402 Leadership; CJCB 403 Policing the Future; CJCB 499 Capstone; one advisor-approved CJCB course of their choice. All CJCB courses must be completed with a grade of B or better. No transfer hours or Law Enforcement Certification hours allowed.

First Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer | Hours |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| Fall 1 | | Spring 1 | | May-Mini | |
| ENG 1301 | | 3 MATH 1332 | | 3 HIST 1302 | 3 |
| Physical Science Elective ¹ | | 3 MMJ 1307 or PHIL 1301 | | 3 PSY 2301 or SOC 1301 | 3 |
| Fall 2 | | Spring 2 | | Summer 2 | |
| ENG 1302 | | 3 HIST 1301 | | 3 PSCI 2305 | 3 |
| Visual Performing Arts Elective ² | | 3 Component Area Option ³ | | 3 CJCB 309 | 3 |
| | 12 | | 12 | | 12 |

Second Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer | Hours |
|--|-------|--|-------|-------------|-------|
| Lower-Level CJ Required Core | 30 | Spring 1 | | May-Mini | |
| (Transfer credits from TCOLE, CLEET, or CBP) | | CJCB 404 | | 3 CJCB 406 | 3 |
| | | Component Area Option ³ | | 3 PSCI 2306 | 3 |
| | | Spring 2 | | Summer 2 | |
| | | Physical Science Elective ¹ | | 3 CJCB 409 | 3 |
| | | CJCB 405 | | 3 CJCB 407 | 3 |
| | 30 | | 12 | | 12 |

Third Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer | Hours |
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| Fall 1 | | Spring 1 | | May-Mini | |
| CJCB 408 | | 3 CJCB 305 | | 3 CJCB 402 | 3 |
| CJCB 302 | | 3 CJCB 306 | | 3 Summer 2 | |
| Fall 2 | | Spring 2 | | CJCB 403 | 3 |
| CJCB 303 | | 3 CJCB 307 | | 1 CJCB 499 | 3 |
| CJCB 304 | | 3 CJCB 308 | | 2 | |
| | 12 | | 9 | | 9 |

Total Hours: 120

Footnotes:

¹ Physical Science Elective: ENVS 103/IS 1315/IS 1317/ASTR 1303

² Visual Performing Arts Elective: ART 1301/MUS 1310/THE 1310

³ Component Area Option: ART 1301/COMS 1321/MMJ 1307/MUS 1310/ PHIL 1301/PSY 2301/SOC 1301/THE 1310

⁴ Lower-level CJ required core: up to 30 hours in transfer credit awarded for TCOLE/CLEET/CBP courses