

GUIDED PATHWAY: BASIC CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES CERTIFICATE

LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH



For more information, visit the [Dallas College Criminal Justice webpage](http://www.dcccd.edu/justice) [www.dcccd.edu/justice] and your academic advisor at your campus.

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing a Basic Criminal Justice Studies Level I Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn the Basic Criminal Justice Studies Certificate. Courses from this certificate may apply to the related AAS degree. Students must earn at least 25% of the credit hours required for graduation through instruction by Dallas College. See catalog for [official certificate requirements](#).

This certificate is attached to the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice and the transfer Field of Study degree in Criminal Justice. It is designed for students who would like exposure to the basic elements of the criminal justice system but who also have the intent of transferring to a Baccalaureate degree-granting institution. Courses that complete the Basic Criminal Justice Studies Certificate are noted below.

Students pursuing this certificate are waived from the [Texas Success Initiative \(TSI\)](#) standards, but must meet course prerequisites, as long as the student completes the TSI waiver form prior to enrollment.

Catalog Year	2020-2021	You may use this pathway if you entered Dallas College on or before this date.
Degree Type	Level I Certificate	
GPA Requirement	Student must earn a GPA of 2.0 or higher	
TSI	May be Exempt	

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 certificate requirements](#).

CERTIFICATE MINIMUM: 18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1

Total Hours: 9

[CRIJ 1301](#) – Introduction to Criminal Justice *This is a Core course.*

[CRIJ 1306](#) – Court Systems and Practices

[CJSA 1348](#) – Ethics in Criminal Justice *Course may not transfer to a four-year program as part of the transferable credits for the four-year degree.*

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS

1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach to research your career options and opportunities with a Criminal Justice degree.

SEMESTER 2

Total Hours: 9

[CJSA 1330](#) – Cybercrimes

[CJSA 1393](#) – Special Topics in Criminal Justice Studies

[CJSA 2334](#) – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice *This is the capstone course for this award.*

SEMESTER 2 ACTION ITEMS

1. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Basic Criminal Justice Studies Level I Certificate.
2. Meet with a career advisor or coach for assistance in preparing for job search.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 18 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS