GUIDED PATHWAY: DIGITAL FORENSICS AND PRIVATE INVESTIGATION
LAW and PUBLIC SERVICE CAREER PATH

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

This is an example course sequence for students interested in pursuing the Criminal Justice-Digital Forensics and Private Investigation Certificate. It does not represent a contract, nor does it guarantee course availability. Following this pathway will help you earn a Level I Certificate in Criminal Justice-Digital Forensics and Private Investigation. Courses from this certificate may apply to the related A.A.S. 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.

The Level I Certificate program in Criminal Justice-Digital Forensics and Private Investigation will focus on the basics of the gathering and the analysis of evidence. Courses that complete the Level I 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: 20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS

SEMESTER 1	Total Hours: 20

CJSA 1330 – Cybercrimes *(taught by EFC faculty)*
CRIJ 2314 – Criminal Investigation *(taught by EFC faculty)*
HMSY 1337 – Introduction to Homeland Security *(taught by EFC faculty)*
CHOOSE ONE: **ITDF 1400** – Introduction to Digital Forensics *(taught by RLC faculty)*
        HMSY 1470 – Cyber Terrorism *(taught by EFC faculty)* **OR**
        ITSY 2443 – Computer System Forensics *(taught by EFC faculty)*
CHOOSE ONE: **ITDF 1405** – Digital Data Storage Forensics *(taught by RLC faculty)* **OR**
        ITSY 1400 – Fundamentals of Information Security *(taught by EFC faculty)*
CHOOSE ONE: **SLPS 2330** – Security of Computers & Data *(taught by EFC faculty)* **OR**
        SLPS 2333 – Private Investigation *(taught by EFC faculty)*

SEMESTER 1 ACTION ITEMS
1. Meet with your advisor to confirm academic and career goals before the end of the semester.
2. After reviewing your degree plan and program of study, meet with your advisor to apply for the Digital Forensics and Private Investigation Certificate.
3. NOTE: The last three courses listed are recommended to be taken in a second semester.

PATHWAY TOTAL: 20 SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS