



**NCTC ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (AA) GENERAL STUDIES DEGREE**  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE PATHWAY**  
**2023-2024 CATALOG**

The following is a recommended sequence of courses for students intending on majoring in a **Criminal Justice field** at a Texas public university, and maps out how you can earn your **Associate of Arts (AA) General Studies degree** from NCTC as well. The transfer university is the final authority on determining if all the courses within the NCTC Associate of Arts degree are transferable and applicable for an intended major, so students should always consult with an advisor at the university level regarding approved and required coursework.

Students placing at college preparatory levels will have additional courses to complete before taking eligible college-level courses in this sequence, and some courses may have prerequisites. Please check the course descriptions in the [NCTC catalog](#). This suggested sequence only maps out Fall and Spring semesters however the [number of courses taken each semester](#) can be adjusted if classes are also taken during Summer and/or Minimesters. Depending on how many credit hours you have already attempted, **all courses on this pathway may not be [Financial Aid](#) eligible through NCTC** however there are other resources to help with [paying for college](#).

FIRST SEMESTER		CREDIT HOURS
ENGL 1301	Composition I	3
EDUC 1300	Learning Frameworks	3
HIST 1301	U.S. History I ( <i>up to 1865</i> )	3
MATH Core	MATH 1314-College Alg., MATH 1332-Contemp. Math, or MATH 1342-Elem. Stats.	3
SOCIAL/BEHAV Core	SOCI 1301-Intro. to Sociology or other Social/Behavioral Science core	<u>3</u>
		<b>15</b>
SECOND SEMESTER		
ENGL 2311 or 1302	Technical Writing or Composition II	3
HIST 1302 or 2301	U.S. History II ( <i>1865 to present</i> ) or Texas History	3
1 <sup>st</sup> LAB SCIENCE Core	BIOL 1408, 1409, or 2406, CHEM 1406 or PHYS 1415, ASTR 1403 or 1404, GEOG 1401 or 1402, or HORT 1401 ( <i>options for non-Science majors</i> )	4
Elective	CRIJ 1301-Intro. to Criminal Justice*	3
Elective	CRIJ 1306-Court Systems and Practices*	<u>3</u>
		<b>16</b>
THIRD SEMESTER		
GOVT 2305	American National Government	3
SPCH 1311, 1315, or 1321	Intro. to Communication, Public Speaking, or Business and Prof. Speech	3
2 <sup>nd</sup> LAB SCIENCE Core	BIOL 1408, 1409, or 2406, CHEM 1406 or PHYS 1415, ASTR 1403 or 1404, GEOG 1401 or 1402, or HORT 1401 ( <i>options for non-Science majors</i> )	4
LANG/PHIL/CULTURE Core	PHIL 2306-Intro. to Ethics or other Lang/Phil/Culture core	3
Elective	CRIJ 1310-Fundamentals of Criminal Law*	<u>3</u>
		<b>16</b>
FOURTH SEMESTER		
GOVT 2306	Texas Government	3
ARTS Core	ARTS 1301-Art Appreciation or other Creative Arts core	3
Elective	CRIJ 2313-Correctional Systems and Practices*	3
Elective	CRIJ 2328-Police Systems and Practices*	3
Elective	PSYC 2301-Intro. to Psychology*	<u>3</u>
		<b>15</b>
<i>Total Credit Hours (apply for Graduation!)</i>		<b>62*</b>

\*Consult with your intended transfer university advisor to determine which NCTC courses would satisfy both elective and [core requirements](#) for your major, and also how many credit hours beyond the 60 hours required for an AA or AS degree are transferable. Some universities may require 12-14 hours of a Foreign Language for Bachelor of Arts majors or proven language proficiency through credit by exam ([CLEP](#), [AP](#), [IBD](#)).

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**NCTC TRANSFER SCHOOLS & INFO: [www.nctc.edu/transfer](http://www.nctc.edu/transfer)**

**TEXAS ON COURSE: <https://texasoncourse.org/>**

**TEXAS COMMON COURSE NUMBERING SYSTEM (TCCNS): [www.tccns.org](http://www.tccns.org)**

**WHAT CAN I DO WITH THIS MAJOR: <https://whatcanidowiththismajor.com/major/>**

**NORTH TEXAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE PATHWAYS: <http://ntxccc.org/content/transfer>**