

# SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY

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### Removing the Barriers to a College Degree

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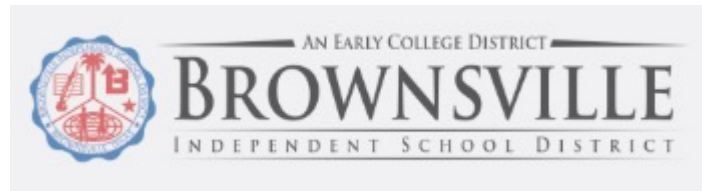
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# SHSU College of Criminal Justice



# Partnerships



<https://www.shsu.edu/beabearkat/transfer-journey/institutions/>

<https://shsu.edu/beabearkat/transfer-journey/institutions/tsc-cj-law>



## Partnership with Brownsville ISD

- Automatic acceptance of students graduating within the top 25% of their respective classes from school district
- University will contact school district counselors to notify them of scholarship opportunities available to school district graduates as such opportunities become available.
- University may provide financial aid, admissions, and degree counseling; work study mentorships; peer mentoring; and related support. Specific activities are subject to further discussion by the parties and the availability of necessary resources.
- School district shall promote the availability of the opportunity described in section I to all its students, parents, and community stakeholders, and shall specifically inform each qualifying student of the opportunity for automatic admission to university upon submission of application

# SHSU Dual Credit Courses



- CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice
- CRIJ 1306 Courts Systems and Practice
- CRIJ 1310 Fundamentals of Crim Law
- CRIJ 2313 Correctional Systems and Practice
- CRIJ 2328 Police Systems and Practice
- CRIJ 1307 Crime in America
- CRIJ 2314 Criminal Investigations



# Statewide Program of Study: Law Enforcement



## Secondary Courses for High School Credit

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|---------|--|
| Level 1 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Principles of Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security</li></ul>  |
| Level 2 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law Enforcement I</li><li>• Criminal Investigation</li><li>• Federal Law Enforcement and Protective Services</li></ul>   |
| Level 3 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Law Enforcement II</li><li>• Correctional Services</li><li>• Forensic Psychology</li><li>• Counseling and Mental Health</li><li>• Crisis Care (TBD)</li></ul>  |
| Level 4 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Forensic Science</li><li>• Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security</li><li>• Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security + Extended Practicum in Law, Public Safety, Corrections, and Security</li><li>• Career Preparation for Programs of Study</li><li>• Career Preparation for Programs of Study + Extended Career Preparation</li></ul> |

# CTE and SHSU Course Blending



- Law Enforcement I aligned with **Police Systems and Practice**
- Law Enforcement II aligned with **Introduction to Criminal Justice**
- Correctional Services aligned with **Correctional Systems and Practice**
- Criminal Investigations aligned with **Criminal Investigations**



**UNLOCK  
OPPORTUNITIES.**



# Fall 2024 Certificates



Certificate in  
Criminal  
Justice: 5  
Courses for  
15 Hours

Intro to Criminal Justice

Correctional Systems and Practice

Police Systems and Practice

Fundamentals of Criminal Law

## ELECTIVES

Criminology/Crime in America

Courts and Criminal Procedures

Professionalism and Ethics in CJ

Ready to start rising to greater?

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**APPLY  
TODAY**

- **MOU with SHSU modified to your school**
- **Students in the FAST program qualify for free Dual Credit**  
[FAST - Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board](#)
- **Other Students: \$50/\$100 per credit hour and negotiable**
- **Courses Offered**
- **Certifying Instructors**
- [MOU - Dual Course Credit Partnership Between SHSU and HISD.pdf](#)



# PROGRAM DISCUSSION



Certificates  
Programs



Online Courses  
5-Week Premium Distance  
Learning



Internship Opportunities  
Other COCJ Programs  
Partnership





DISCOVER  
YOUR PATH.



Criminal Justice  
**CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS**

Unlock Your Advancement Potential in High Demand Sectors



CURRENT STUDENTS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A VALUABLE CERTIFICATE IMMEDIATELY UPON COMPLETION OF THE COURSES.



GET A DIGITAL BADGE FOR YOUR LINKEDIN PROFILE.



CERTIFICATES HIGHLIGHT NEWLY ACQUIRED SKILLS, ALLOWING YOU TO DISTINGUISH YOURSELF FROM OTHER CANDIDATES TO POTENTIAL EMPLOYERS, SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEES, OR INTERNSHIP COMMITTEES.



MANY OF THE COURSES MEET MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS OR ELECTIVES FOR YOUR DEGREE.



TO ENROLL: REGISTER IN APPLY TEXAS OR FOR ENROLLED STUDENTS, SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT OR VIRTUAL DROP-IN WITH YOUR ADVISOR.



# Criminal Justice and Criminology



- Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Minor in Crime Analysis and Mapping
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Undergraduate Certificate in Crime Analysis and Mapping (as of Spring 2024)
- Undergraduate Certificate in Criminal Justice
- Undergraduate Certificate in Management and Leadership in Criminal Justice



# Security Studies



- Bachelor of Arts in Homeland Security Studies (Online Only)
- Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security Studies (Online Only)
- Minor in Homeland Security Studies
- Undergraduate Certificate in Biosecurity and Pandemics
- Undergraduate Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Chemical and Energy Sectors
- Undergraduate Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Healthcare Sector
- Undergraduate Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Transportation Sector



# Victim Studies

First and Only Department in the nation!



- Bachelor of Arts in Victims Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Victims Studies
- Minor in Victim Studies
- Master of Science Degree in Victim Service Management

# Forensic Science



Website



@SHSU\_FORENSICS

- **Minor in Forensic Science (online only)**
  - Pairs well with multiple majors
    - Natural Science – Laboratory Careers
    - Non-Science – Investigative Careers
- **Undergraduate Certificate in Investigative Forensic Science (online only)**
  - Ideal for students intending to pursue investigative careers
- **Master of Science in Forensic Science (on campus only)**
  - First and only FEPAC-accredited MS program in Texas
  - Two-year, full-time program (44 credit hours)
- **Ph.D. in Forensic Science (on campus only)**
  - First PhD in Forensic Science in the United States
  - Five-year, full-time program (86 credit hours)
- **Admissions**
  - Email [Forensics@shsu.edu](mailto:Forensics@shsu.edu) for any questions
- **Completion of the minor in forensic science will not qualify you for a graduate degree in Forensic Science or a position in an accredited laboratory.**



### 5-Week Format

The new 5-week semester format is designed for working professionals. It is offered three times per term as 5A (the first five weeks), 5B (the second five weeks), and 5C (the third five weeks).

### Self-Paced Modules

Using the best practices for online teaching and learning, these courses are comprised of five lessons that include three lectures each, knowledge checks for each lecture, and exams at the end of each lesson.

### Current Programs Fully Available in the PDL Format:

- Criminal Justice and Criminology
- Minor in Criminal Justice
- Security Studies
- Minor in Security Studies
- Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Healthcare Sector
- Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Chemical and Energy Sectors
- Certificate in Security and Resilience in the Transportation Sector



#### APPLICATION DEADLINES

Fall Semester  
First Year - July 1  
Transfer - August 1  
Spring Semester  
December 15  
Summer Sessions  
May 15

#### ENROLLMENT SUPPORT

936.294.1828  
admissions@shsu.edu





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# PREMIUM DISTANCE LEARNING PROGRAMS

ONLINE. ANYTIME. ENROLL TODAY.

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**EXPLORE ONLINE PROGRAMS**  
<https://tinyurl.com/SHSUCJPD>

SELF PACED PROGRAMS	5 WEEK FORMAT	FINANCIAL SAVINGS
Premium online courses are designed to support busy lifestyles with digital resources, technical support, and 24 hour access to course work.	The accelerated 5-week semester format is offered three times per academic term (Fall and Spring) to accelerate program completion time.	Relying solely on Open Educational Resources (OER) and other zero cost materials these courses do not require textbook purchases.



# Internships

- The College of Criminal Justice offers more than 300 internship opportunities with more added every year at federal, state, and local agencies, non-profit organizations, and private corporations.
- One-third of internships directly led to jobs in the assigned agencies, while others provide contacts to help students start careers in their chosen fields.

3 credit hours: 10 hours of work per week for the semester.

6 credit hours: 20 hours of work per week for the semester.

9 credit hours: 30 hours of work per week for the semester.

12 credit hours: 40 hours of work per week for the semester.



## Path 1

SHSU students  
selected for DPS or  
other LE Academy



## Part 2

New DPS/LE Officers



## Part 3

DPS/LE Officers

# Three-Part Law Enforcement Officer Options



# Part 1: SHSU Students Selected for DPS-Academy or other LE-Academy

1

## **DPS Selection Process**

Agency Process in Huntsville, Brownsville, or McAllen conducted according to agency application requirements. Seniors with only advanced CJ electives remaining

2

## **SHSU Courses**

Student completes 15-week internship for up to 12 hours

3

## **DPS Academy Academic Credit**

Up to 12 hours internship credit



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# Part 2/3: DPS/LE Officers

1

## Peace Officers

Review Transcript to select the Best program BA/BS or BAAS w/ a concentration in CJ

2

## Apply to SHSU

Once accepted, meet with an advisor to register for courses

3

## Complete Degree

12 – Hour Internship for FTO Program or Career option (in current job)  
Other required courses online in 5- or 15-week format

\* Peace Officer Exemption

\* Fast-track Degree in 1-2 years

\* 12 hours of credit for academy completion



# Campus Visits

To facilitate a visit, you will need to contact the Visitor Center and request a visit through the seesam@shsu.edu email.

Please ensure you specify that you would like to see the College of Criminal Justice and hear about the great opportunities for your students.



# Preview@SAM event for COCJ

- **Date: Friday, April 11th**
- Location: LSC White Ballroom
- Time: Check in begins at 8:45 & our event will last until 2:00pm.
- What to expect: Preview Day Schedule & Highlights
- Morning Session
- Admissions Presentation – Hear from our admissions staff.
- Guided Campus Tour – Explore the campus with our knowledgeable guides.
- Info Fair – Connect with 16 departments, including:
  - Financial Aid
  - Residence Life
  - Student Involvement
  - And more!
- Midday Break
- Complimentary Lunch – Enjoy a meal at General's Market.
- Academic Preview
- Meet the College of Criminal Justice
- Remarks from Dean Lyons & Faculty Members
- Learn about academic programs & opportunities
- Q&A Session – Get answers directly from faculty
- Optional Activities
- 2:00 PM – Piney Woods Hall Tour (15-30 minutes)
- Complimentary Parking Available
- College Day Visit Forms Provided for students who need them
- Let me know if you need any refinements!

**To Register:**



# CJ Summer Camp 2025

- Designed for students aged 15-17 years of age who are interested in criminal justice, forensic science, security studies or victimology.
- Four days. Students arrive on a Sunday afternoon and leave on Thursday afternoon.
- Students stay in a residence hall on campus, and all meals are provided by the camp.
- Students will have the opportunity to meet with criminal justice professionals, including SHSU Alumni, from various agencies, including but not limited to the FBI, DEA, U.S. Marshals, and Texas State Troopers. Tours to the Harris County Fire Marshals Office, Montgomery County Morgue and Walker County Jail are also provided.





# CJ Summer Camp (cont.)

- The dates scheduled for next summer are as follows:
  - Session I: June 8-12
  - Session II: June 22-26
  - Session III: July 6-10
  - Session IV: July 13-17
- Cost is \$725—scholarships available.
- The application deadline is April 15, 2025.
- Please check the website at [CJ Summer Camp](#) for more information.



# High School Criminal Justice Instructor Training (HSCJIT) Conference

- October 2025-two days (TBD)
- Designed for high school teachers who teach criminal justice, law enforcement, and forensic science
- Teachers receive handouts, PowerPoint, websites, and other materials to use in their classrooms
- Cost is \$300 for two days (includes breakfast and lunch)
- Presentations cover various topics (transnational cartels, forensic science, criminal investigations, immigration and crime, forensic DNA, bones, forensic psychology, victimology, tour of the Huntsville Walls Unit)
- Teachers can receive Continuing Professional Education (CPE) credits
- [cjprograms@shsu.edu](mailto:cjprograms@shsu.edu) for more information



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#### Admissions Application Deadlines

- **Fall:** August 1st
- **Spring:** December 15th
- **Summer:** May 15th

**READY TO  
START?**

[applytexas.org](https://applytexas.org)

After submitting your online application through ApplyTexas or Common App, you will need to pay the \$50 non-refundable fee and submit your official high school transcript and/or college transcripts.

- Traditional BA/BS students apply to the College of Criminal Justice
- Students applying for the BAAS apply to the College of Science and Engineering Technology



# What are your Questions?





# Next Steps and Contact Information

To learn more or get involved, please contact:

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# Backup Slides







# Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)

*Concentration in Criminal Justice*

Associates of Applied Arts and Sciences (AAS) in a technical area with at least 42 hours of coursework. Upon acceptance, students must complete the core classes and a minor area of study including at least 36 hours of advanced coursework (300-400 level). To be admitted and approved for the BAAS degree program students must be advised by the BAAS program coordinator.



Concentration Courses	
CRIJ 2361 Intro to Criminal Justice System <sup>1</sup>	3
CRIJ 2362 Criminology	3
CRIJ 2364 Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 3378 Intro to Methods of Research	3
CRIJ 4385 Criminal Justice & Social Diversity	3
VCST 3350 Victimology	3
Advanced CRIJ Electives (can include CATM 4360)	33





# Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences (BAAS)

To be eligible one of the following is required:

- Earned and received an Associate of Applied Arts and Sciences (AAS) in a technical area with at least 36 hours of coursework.
- Portfolio documenting National Union apprenticeship and 5 yrs of work experience
- Portfolio documenting 2000 hrs of professional development and ten yrs of work experience



# Peace Officer Exemption

- Semester fees apply.
- Be employed as a Peace Officer by the state of Texas or by a political subdivision of Texas
- Provide a copy of your employee ID that shows you are a Peace Officer
- Provide the university Registrar proof of employment as a currently paid Police Officer (required each semester in which the exemption will be used) in the form of a letter on letterhead dated within 30 days of application that you are a Peace Officer, or provide a copy of pay stub within 30 days of application.
- Submit completed Registrar's Application for Texas Peace Officer and Firefighters Exemption each semester

## *Eligible courses:*

- Only undergraduate courses pertaining to **Criminal Justice** are eligible for the tuition and laboratory fees exemption.