

**2026-2027 Degree Map-Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Criminology**

This map is a term-by-term sample course schedule. The milestones listed to the right of each term are designed to keep you on course to graduate in four years. The Sample Schedule serves as a general guideline to help you build a full schedule each term. See course descriptions and prerequisites at <https://catalog.atu.edu/>

#Prerequisite Courses: ENGL 0303 \_\_\_ MATH 0803 \_\_\_ MATH 0903 \_\_\_

| Sample Schedule                                | Grade         | Milestones/Notes          | Semester 1 |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|------------|
| <b>Semester 1</b>                              |               |                           |            |
| ENGL 1013 Comp I (ACTS=ENGL 1013)              | 3 #           | Meet with Career Services |            |
| Social Sciences                                | 3             |                           |            |
| POLS 2003 American Government (ACTS=PLSC 2003) | 3             |                           |            |
| TECH 1001 Orientation to the University        | 1             |                           |            |
| General Elective                               | 3             |                           |            |
| General Elective                               | 3             |                           |            |
| <b>Total hours</b>                             | <b>16</b> GPA |                           |            |

| Sample Schedule  | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes                                  | Semester 2 |
|--|---------------|-------|---|------------|
| <b>Semester 2</b>  |               |       |   |            |
| ENGL 1023- Comp II (ACTS= ENGL 1023)                     | 3 #           |       | Volunteer/job shadow in related field over summer |            |
| Science with a Lab                                       | 4             |       |   |            |
| Mathematics  | 3 #           |       |   |            |
| CJ/SOC 2003 Intro to Criminal Justice (ACTS = CRJU 1023) | 3             |       |   |            |
| General Elective   | 3             |       |   |            |
| <b>Total hours</b>                                       | <b>16</b> GPA |       |   |            |

| Sample Schedule                                  | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes           | Semester 3 |
|--|---------------|-------|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Semester 3</b>                                |               |       |                            |            |
| SPAN 1013 Beginning Spanish I (ACTS = SPAN 1013) | 3             |       | Upload resume to Handshake |            |
| Fine Arts and Humanities                         | 3             |       |                            |            |
| Science with a Lab                               | 4             |       |                            |            |
| General Elective                                 | 3             |       |                            |            |
| <b>Total hours</b>                               | <b>13</b> GPA |       |                            |            |

| Sample Schedule  | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes           | Semester 4 |
|--|---------------|-------|----------------------------|------------|
| <b>Semester 4</b>  |               |       |                            |            |
| PSY/SOC 2063 Research Design for Behavioral Sciences <b>OR</b> EAM 4033                              | 3             |       |                            |            |
| EM Research Methods <b>OR</b> POLS 2513 Research Design  |               |       |                            |            |
| PSY/SOC 2053 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences <b>OR</b> GEOG 2833 Intro to Geographic Info Systems | 3             |       |                            |            |
| *Minor or 2nd Major  | 3             |       | Declare 2nd field of study |            |
| General Elective   | 3             |       |                            |            |
| General Elective   | 3             |       |                            |            |
| <b>Total hours</b>   | <b>15</b> GPA |       | <b>CJ ADVISOR ASSIGNED</b> |            |

The Arkansas Course Transfer System (ACTS) is designed to assist in planning the academic progress of students. This system contains information about the transferability of courses within Arkansas public colleges and universities. The Arkansas Course Transfer System can be accessed by searching keyword "ACTS" at <https://adhe.edu/>

| Fine Arts and Humanities                                     |
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| ART 2123 Experiencing Art (ACTS=ARTA1003)                    |
| MUS 2003 Survey of Music History (ACTS=MUSC1003)             |
| TH 2273 Introduction to Theatre (ACTS=DRAM 1003)             |
| ENGL/JOUR 2173 Introduction to Film                          |
| ENGL 2003 Introduction to World Literature (ACTS=ENGL2113)   |
| ENGL 2013 Intro. to American Literature (ACTS=ENGL2653)      |
| PHIL 2003 Introduction to Philosophy (ACTS=PHIL1103)         |
| PHIL 2053 Introduction to Critical Thinking (ACTS=PHIL 1003) |
| 1013 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT                   |
| 1023 from SPAN, FR, GER, JPN, CHIN, or LAT                   |
| LEAD 2003 Ethics in Leadership                               |

| Social Sciences  |
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| LEAD 1003 Introduction to Leadership                   |
| HIST 1503 World History to 1500 (ACTS=HIST1113)        |
| HIST 1513 World History since 1500 (ACTS=HIST1123)     |
| HIST 2003 U.S. History to 1877 (ACTS=HIST2113)         |
| HIST 2013 U.S. History since 1877 (ACTS=HIST2123)      |
| HIST 1903 Survey of American History                   |
| ECON 2003 Principles of Macroeconomics (ACTS=ECON2103) |
| ECON 2013 Principles of Microeconomics (ACTS=ECON2203) |

**University Honors students should consult Course Catalog for appropriate Fine Arts/Humanities, US History/Government and Social Science options for University Honors Curriculum.**

Students may apply in their junior year for admission into the AB2M CJC to HESA OR CJC to EMHS programs; however, they must have completed a minimum of 90 credit hours towards the Bachelor degree and have earned a minimum GPA of 3.0 or higher in those undergraduate courses to be eligible. Once approved, the student will be conditionally admitted into their program. See ATU catalog, your advisor, or contact [gradrecruiter@atu.edu](mailto:gradrecruiter@atu.edu) for more info.

Possible Careers: Social Services (Victim Advocacy, Probation/Parole, Corrections, Casework, etc.), Judiciary and Law, Law Enforcement/Security

| Sample Schedule                                    | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes  | Semester 5        |
|--|---------------|-------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Semester 5</b>                                  |               |       |   |                   |
| CJ Policing (3000-4000 level)                      | 3             |       |   | <b>See Note 1</b> |
| *Minor or 2nd Major                                | 3             |       | Research Graduate Schools (admissions, exams, deadlines, recommendation letters, volunteer requirement, etc.) |                   |
| *Minor or 2nd Major                                | 3             |       |   |                   |
| SOC 1003 Introductory Sociology (ACTS = SOCI 1013) | 3             |       |   |                   |
| CJ/SOC 2033 - Social Problems (ACTS= SOC 2013)     | 3             |       | Prereq: SOC 1003  |                   |
| <b>Total hours</b>                                 | <b>15</b> GPA |       |   |                   |

| Sample Schedule   | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes            | Semester 6        |
|---|---------------|-------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Semester 6</b>   |               |       |                             |                   |
| ANTH 1213 Intro to Anth <b>OR</b> ANTH 2003 Cultural Anth | 3             |       |                             |                   |
| CJ/SOC 2043 Crime and Delinquency                         | 3             |       |                             |                   |
| CJ Courts (3000-4000 level)                               | 3             |       |                             | <b>See Note 1</b> |
| *Minor or 2nd Major                                       | 3             |       |                             |                   |
| General Elective  | 3             |       | <b>APPLY FOR GRADUATION</b> |                   |
| <b>Total hours</b>  | <b>15</b> GPA |       |                             |                   |

| Sample Schedule               | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes                        | Semester 7        |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|---|-------------------|
| <b>Semester 7</b>             |               |       |   |                   |
| CJ Society (3000-4000 level)  | 3             |       |   | <b>See Note 1</b> |
| CJ Elective (3000-4000 level) | 3             |       | Apply for Graduate School if applicable |                   |
| CJ Elective (3000-4000 level) | 3             |       |   |                   |
| *Minor or 2nd Major           | 3             |       |   |                   |
| General Elective              | 3             |       |   |                   |
| <b>Total hours</b>            | <b>15</b> GPA |       |   |                   |

| Sample Schedule               | Hrs.          | Grade | Milestones/Notes   | Semester 8 |
|-------------------------------|---------------|-------|--|------------|
| <b>Semester 8</b>             |               |       |  |            |
| CJ Elective (3000-4000 level) | 3             |       |  |            |
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| *Minor or 2nd Major           | 3             |       | <b>Graduation Requirements:</b><br>Min. hours 3000-4000 level courses: 40<br>No more than 4 PE activity hours<br>Min. hours required:120 |            |
| General Elective              | 3             |       |  |            |
| General Elective              | 3             |       |  |            |
| <b>Total Hours</b>            | <b>15</b> GPA |       | 2.00+ GPA  |            |

# indicates a "C" or better is required

**Shading indicates courses that would directly apply to the AS-CJ degree.**

**\*Choose Minor/2nd Major from the list of: Sociology, Cybersecurity, Emergency Management, Political Science, Psychology, Pre-Law, AAS Cybersecurity, AAS Law Enforcement**

| Note 1   |
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| <b>Policing: Choose 3 hours from:</b><br>CJ/SOC 3153 Prisons and Corrections<br>CJ/SOC 3103 Juvenile Justice<br>CJ 4033 Policing and Society                                   |
| <b>Courts: Choose 3 hours from:</b><br>CJ/POLS 3023 Judicial Process<br>CJ 4023 Law and the Legal System   |
| <b>Society: Choose 3 hours from:</b><br>CJ/SOC 3083 Social Deviance<br>SOC 4003 Community/Societal Relations<br>SOC 4023 Sociology of Gender<br>SOC 4063 Social Stratification |