## YOUR Major Action Plan: Criminal Justice

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<td>- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CRIJ 1100, 1301, 1306, and 1310 — these requirements are program specific, consult with an advisor in selecting the appropriate courses.</td>
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<td>- See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, Academic Advising Guide, and file your degree plan.</td>
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### YOUR Target Courses

- Attend a meeting of the Criminal Justice Association. Contact the Criminal Justice Department for more information.
- Undecided about your major? Want to learn more about different career options? Take advantage of career counseling and career assessments through Career Services.
- Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through TexanSync.
- Attend Study Skills sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year.
- Attend or use Academic Resource Center Coaching, Math Clinic, tutoring options, and Writing Center.
- Know the FAFSA deadlines each year.
- Seek help from Student Counseling Center for home sickness, depression, or other issues.
- Feeling ill? Visit Student Health Services for physical health related concerns.

### Find YOUR Way

- Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects.
- Start researching the marketable skills that employers are seeking.
- Get involved in Service Day and Tarleton Roundup.
- Apply to be a Residential Leader (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM).
- Run for Freshman Representative Council with SGA (Student Government Association).
- Look into Greek Organizations to network and build community.

### Sharpen YOUR Skills

- Check out part-time jobs in Career Services employment system to gain work experience for your resume.
- Attend job and graduate school fairs to explore future opportunities. Make a good first impression with your attire.
- Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas Reality Check tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission).
- Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through SALT.

### YOUR Next Steps

- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through Volunteer Match or United Way to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment.
- Attend events offered by The Office of Diversity and Inclusion and Fine Arts Center for cultural and diversity awareness.
- Participate in Alternative Spring Break.
- Run for Student Government Association.
- Explore career opportunities within your major.
- Ask Career Services how to conduct a job shadow.
- Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional resume.
- Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities.
- Create your online portfolio through Portfolium. Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.
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<td>- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CRJ 3300, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3340, and CRJ 3313 or ENGL 3309.</td>
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- Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major.
- Consider participating in a research project.
- Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest.
- Take part in the [Official Ring Ceremony](https://example.com).

**4th YEAR**
- Complete an internship based on your interests within the field of Criminal Justice.
- Consider participating in Study Abroad/Study Away programs sponsored by the Criminal Justice Department.

### FIND YOUR Way

**3rd YEAR**
- Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs.
- Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through [All For Good](https://www.allforgood.org).
- Need to get more experience and skills? Check out [CareerOneStop.org](https://www.careeronestop.org) sponsored by the US Department of Labor.
- Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace.
- Become an [Academic Resource Center–Coach Leader](https://example.com) (ARC-C Leader)
- Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.

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- Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the [Career Service’s employment system](https://www.tarleton.edu/career-service/) or the [College Internship Program’s website](https://example.com).

### SHARPEN YOUR Skills

**3rd YEAR**
- Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your job-search campaign, schedule mock interviews, resume critiques, and a Business Etiquette Dinner.
- Create a [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/) profile to further your professional networking.
- Check the [Career Services calendar](https://www.tarleton.edu/career-service/) for career development workshops.
- Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services job fairs.
- Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for [TSU College of Graduate Studies](https://www.tarleton.edu/graduate-studies/).

**4th YEAR**
- File for GRADUATION!
- Update your resume in the [Career Service’s employment system](https://www.tarleton.edu/career-service/), Portfolium, and LinkedIn.
- Compile reference letters, awards, etc.
- Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews.
- Attend job fairs and dress professionally.
- Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to negotiate a salary.
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