

# YOUR Major Action Plan: Criminal Justice



What is YOUR passion?	1st YEAR	2nd YEAR
State and federal government agencies State and federal correction facilities City and county jails Precinct station houses	<b>YOUR Target Courses</b> - 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. - See Staff or Faculty Academic Advisor to discuss your desired major and concentration, Grade Point Average (GPA) requirements, <a href="#">Academic Advising Guide</a> , and file your degree plan.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CRIJ 2335 and 2328/2313, and SPAN 1303/1411 — these requirements are program specific, consult with an advisor in selecting the appropriate courses.
Prison camps Youth correctional facilities Residential treatment facilities Alternative schools Domestic violence agencies Immigration & naturalization services	<b>Find YOUR Way</b> - 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 <a href="#">career counseling and career assessments</a> through Career Services. - Explore student groups and organizations in your major or area of interests through <a href="#">TexanSync</a> . - Attend <a href="#">Study Skills</a> sessions for additional assistance with acclimating the first year. - Attend or use <a href="#">Academic Resource Center Coaching</a> , <a href="#">Math Clinic</a> , <a href="#">tutoring options</a> , and <a href="#">Writing Center</a> . - Know the <a href="#">FAFSA deadlines</a> each year. - Seek help from <a href="#">Student Counseling Center</a> for home sickness, depression, or other issues. - Feeling ill? Visit <a href="#">Student Health Services</a> for physical health related concerns.	- Explore available <a href="#">Applied Learning Experiences</a> (ALE) such as internships, research, study abroad, service learning or leadership experiences. - Interested in joining Alpha Phi Sigma, the Criminal Justice Honor Society? If so, make sure that you have completed at least 12 hours of Criminal Justice courses with a 3.2 GPA, as well as three full semesters toward your degree.
Medical centers Public & private high schools Law firms Corporate legal departments	<b>Sharpen YOUR Skills</b> - Schedule a meeting with a department representative to explore study away and study abroad experiences and department-sponsored service learning projects. - Start researching the <a href="#">marketable skills</a> that employers are seeking. - Get involved in <a href="#">Service Day</a> and Tarleton Roundup. - Apply to be a <a href="#">Residential Leader</a> (RL) or Tarleton Transition Mentor (TTM). - Run for <a href="#">Freshman Representative Council</a> with SGA (Student Government Association). - Look into <a href="#">Greek Organizations</a> to network and build community.	- Seek out volunteer opportunities in your area through <a href="#">Volunteer Match</a> or <a href="#">United Way</a> to give back to the community and build marketable skills for future employment. - Attend events offered by <a href="#">The Office of Diversity and Inclusion</a> and <a href="#">Fine Arts Center</a> for cultural and diversity awareness. - Participate in <a href="#">Alternative Spring Break</a> . - Run for <a href="#">Student Government Association</a> .
Special interest law organizations Police departments Animal control offices State trooper	<b>YOUR Next Steps</b> - Check out part-time jobs in <a href="#">Career Services employment system</a> to gain work experience for your resume. - Attend <a href="#">job and graduate school fairs</a> to explore future opportunities. Make a <a href="#">good first impression with your attire</a> . - Investigate the type of lifestyle, salary, and occupation you would like to have through Texas <a href="#">Reality Check</a> tools (powered by Texas Workforce Commission). - Learn more about your student loan debt, budgeting, and much more through <a href="#">SALT</a> .	- Explore <a href="#">career opportunities</a> within your major. - Ask <a href="#">Career Services</a> how to conduct a job shadow. - Convert your high school resume into a pre-professional <a href="#">resume</a> . - Get to know your instructors to establish professional references and explore research opportunities. - Create your online portfolio through <a href="#">Portfolioium</a> . Consult with Career Services or your Faculty Advisor on items to include.

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What is YOUR passion?		3rd YEAR	4th YEAR
Crime laboratories  Airports & other transportation facilities  Colleges and universities	YOUR Target Courses	- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CRIJ 3300, 3305, 3310, 3315, 3340, and CRIJ 3313 or ENGL 3309.	- Complete at least 30 credit hours, including CRIJ 4312, 4316, 4398 and CRIJ 4318 or PSYC 3330 or SOCI 3330 — this requirement is program specific, consult with an advisor in selecting the appropriate course.. - CRIJ 4316 must be completed prior to registering for CRIJ 4318. - Meet with your advisor to ensure you are on track to graduate.
		Insurance Companies  Banks  Private security companies  Software companies	Find YOUR Way - Visit with a faculty advisor/mentor within your area of interest to explore student opportunities specific to your major. - Consider participating in an undergraduate research project. - Conduct informational interviews and talk to professionals working in your fields interest. - Take part in the <u>Official Ring Ceremony</u> .
Retail organizations  Hotels and resorts  Nuclear power plants  Manufacturers  Online companies	Sharpen YOUR Skills	- Consider taking on leadership roles within student organizations and clubs. - Explore volunteer opportunities in your area through <u>All For Good</u> . - Need to get more experience and skills? Check out <u>CareerOneStop.org</u> sponsored by the US Department of Labor. - Continue to develop computer and job-related skills along with knowledge of the workplace. - Become an <u>Academic Resource Center– Coach Leader (ARC-C Leader)</u> - Explore internship opportunities with a faculty mentor or academic advisor for your concentration area.	- Participate in an internship with the direction of your faculty mentor or advisor. Suggested resources for internships can be found in the <u>Career Service’s employment system</u> or the <u>College Internship Program’s website</u> .
Private individuals  Explore more occupations and occupation groups through the <u>Occupational Outlook Handbook</u> powered by the Bureau of Labor and Statistics.		YOUR Next Steps - Meet with a Career Services staff member to plan your <u>job-search campaign</u> , schedule <u>mock interviews</u> , resume critiques, and a <u>Business Etiquette Dinner</u> . - Create a <u>LinkedIn</u> profile to further your professional networking. - Check the <u>Career Services calendar</u> for career development workshops. - Seek out an internship at any of the Career Services <u>job fairs</u> . - Investigate graduate schools and attend the Open House for <u>TSU College of Graduate Studies</u> .	- <b>File for GRADUATION!</b> - Update your resume in the <u>Career Service’s employment system</u> , <u>Portfolium</u> , and <u>LinkedIn</u> . - Compile reference letters, awards, etc. - Research potential employers, seek out networking opportunities, apply for available positions, and prepare for potential interviews. - Attend <u>job fairs</u> and <u>dress professionally</u> . - Consider and review various job offers, if necessary, review information needed to <u>negotiate a salary</u> . - Graduate! Congratulations! - Join the <u>Tarleton Alumni Association</u> to stay connected to the University. <b>BLEED PURPLE!</b>