

**TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY
PROGRAM DELETE FORM**

Administrative Information

1. Program Name:

This proposal seeks to delete the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice major in Criminal Justice Corrections and major in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement.

2. Description: Briefly describe the reason for the closure/deletion(s).

The School of Criminal Justice seeks to be on the forefront of preparing its graduates for an increasingly demanding and competitive job market where analytical and critical thinking skills are in high demand. In response to employer preferences for applicants who are well rounded and in possession of diverse skills and proficiencies, the School proposes a redesign of its baccalaureate curriculum to provide students with more opportunities to tailor their individual plans of study to personal interests and professional aspirations that better prepare its students for future success in the job market.

To better understand the labor market climate and the needed curriculum changes, an employer recruiter survey was administered during the Annual Criminal Justice Career Fair hosted by the School of Criminal Justice and Career Services held on February 9, 2016. Of the 21 participating agencies completing the survey, only three expressed a preference for the currently available criminal justice majors.

With this survey information, and discussions with an external review team during the School's Academic Program Review, the faculty completed a curriculum review which concluded that the School should restructure the baccalaureate curriculum to offer only one major – a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice (B.S.C.J.) major in Criminal Justice, and to redesign this major to include a broad set of electives.

The School therefore intends to phase out the major in Criminal Justice Corrections and the major in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement over the course of six years to allow current students the option of finishing their current degree plan or changing to the restructured major in Criminal Justice. The Law Enforcement and Corrections majors will be closed to new students as of Fall 2018, and then will be inactivated for all students effective Summer 2024.

3. Program CIP Code:

Criminal Justice Corrections	43.0102.00
Criminal Justice Law Enforcement	43.0107.00

4. Proposed Effective Date:

Summer 2024 (change effective Fall 2018; phase-out starts Fall 2018)

5. Contact Person: Provide contact information for the person who can answer specific questions about the program.

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6. Required Reviews:

- School Faculty
- School Curriculum Committee
- School Director
- College Curriculum Committee
- College Council
- College Dean
- Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Provost
- University Curriculum Committee
- Faculty Senate
- Council of Academic Deans
- President
- Texas State University System Board of Regents
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

Program Information

Criminal justice education among colleges and universities today commonly involves varied curricula. While some schools, departments or programs adopt a more practice vocational focus, others are more academically/theoretically oriented. The discipline of criminal justice seeks to prepare its graduates for an increasingly demanding and competitive job market where analytical and critical thinking skills are in high demand. Driven by employer preferences for applicants with these diverse skillsets and proficiencies, criminal justice educators are restructuring their curricula to provide students with multiple opportunities to design individual plans of study that reflect personal interests and prepare them for future success in the job market.

The School of Criminal Justice at Texas State University seeks to be on the forefront of this changing mission to produce highly skilled and marketable graduates. Texas State currently offers three baccalaureate degree programs: Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice Corrections, and Criminal Justice Law Enforcement. Among Texas public institutions listed in Attachment A, the majority of criminal justice baccalaureate degree programs only offer a single major in Criminal Justice. Of the 41 criminal justice baccalaureate programs in Texas, only two are Law Enforcement and two are Corrections.

To better understand the labor market climate and the needed curriculum changes for a single major, an employer recruiter survey was administered during the Annual Criminal Justice Career Fair hosted by the School of Criminal Justice and Career Services held on February 9, 2016. Of the 21 participating agencies completing the survey (one of the surveys was a duplicate), only three expressed a preference for one of the currently available majors (two of these agencies preferred the general major in Criminal Justice and the remaining agency expressed a preference for the Law Enforcement major). With the proposed deletion of the two majors (Corrections and Law Enforcement) and the move to a single major (Criminal Justice), these results indicate that this decision would be a potential issue for only one of the 21 recruiting agencies surveyed. Even in this one case, the agency recruiter stated that, despite having such a preference, other majors (including liberal arts and business) would be considered rather than excluded from any prospective job search.

In addition, the requested change in the degree program to a single major also reflects the recommendations by the external review group during our Academic Program Review Self-Study in 2014-2015. In response to the recommendations of the Academic Program Review Self-Study, a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice Steering Committee was formed in the School to evaluate the undergraduate degree program. The Steering Committee formed a subcommittee, the Undergraduate Program Curriculum Review Committee (UPCRC), to evaluate the degree requirements for each of the three majors.

During a series of meetings, the UPCRC examined the current requirements and existing curriculum in the three majors, giving special consideration to the marketable skills preferred by employers and the extent to which the existing design and requirements of the three majors were providing these identified skill sets. Throughout

the course of several meetings, faculty discussion focused on whether or not the existing degree programs were meeting student interest and employer needs, were delivering a robust experience to students across the three majors, and were doing so while maintaining the integrity and breadth of the mission of the School – *to prepare competent and responsible public servants to assume roles in criminal investigation and apprehension, agency administration, prosecution, and correctional services, and to prepare graduates with advanced theoretical knowledge and research skills in criminal justice for leadership roles in academic, public policy, and administrative positions.*

After evaluating the curriculum requirements within the three majors and matching these to the associated skill sets required or preferred by employers and recruiters in the field, the UPCRC unanimously recommended that only one major be offered at the undergraduate program level – a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice major in Criminal Justice.

I. Students affected by the closure/deletion:

A. Are there students currently enrolled in the program? If yes, how many? What is the expected date of completion or graduation from the program? Have those students been notified of the closure/deletion? How have they been notified and explain the options provided for those students.

Currently, there are 48 students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Corrections major and 477 students enrolled in the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement major.

Students who enter/declare the two majors prior to Fall 2018 will have through Summer 2024 to complete the degree requirements for those majors. Assuming the last date of entry for students in the two majors will be Summer 2018, those students will be permitted to finish their current catalog designation which allows for six years to complete their degree program.

Students will be notified during the Spring and Summer 2018 semesters of the proposed deletions by the following methods:

- through e-mail from the School Director addressing the deletion of the two majors;
- in person-to-person advising appointments with staff academic advisors in the Applied Arts College Advising Center;
- in an information update posted on the School website and the Round Rock Campus website; and
- in class announcements for all undergraduate Criminal Justice courses.

In all of the above distribution methods, students will be provided a degree completion option including the ability to move to the restructured single major or to complete their declared major. All completed courses will be applied to the requirements for the single major either as required or electives. No student will lose credit for any completed degree applied course.

B. Are students still being admitted in the program? Or when were the last students admitted in the program?

Students are being admitted to the Corrections and Law Enforcement majors through Summer 2018 when we will effectively close admission. After the Regents and SACSCOC reviews, the majors will be removed from the ApplyTexas statewide application in May 2018 by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

II. Faculty affected by the closure/deletion:

A. Will any faculty be reassigned because of the closure/deletion?

No faculty will be reassigned or adversely affected by the deletion of the two majors.

B. Please explain how faculty have been engaged throughout the decision to close the program.

An Academic Program Review Self-Study (APR) of the School of Criminal Justice was written by the school faculty in 2014-2015. This APR included a review of the undergraduate program, its three majors and all related curriculum. During the on-site review of the School's degree programs, faculty informed the external review team that the School would be conducting an in-depth subsequent review of all undergraduate degree programs. The review team was supportive of the plans for a further undergraduate review. A BSCJ Steering Committee was then formed to further evaluate the undergraduate degree program and the current requirements of the three majors.

During Spring 2015, a faculty Steering Committee examined the current requirements and existing curriculum, giving special consideration to the marketable skills required by employers and the extent to which the existing design and requirements of the three majors were providing these identified and preferred skill sets to criminal justice students and majors. After evaluating the curriculum requirements and matching these to the associated skill sets required or preferred by employers and recruiters in the field, the Committee unanimously recommended that only one undergraduate major be offered – a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice major in Criminal Justice. The recommendation of the Committee for a single major was presented to the general criminal justice faculty on May 8, 2015 who unanimously voted to approve the recommendation.

III. Staff affected by the closure/deletion:

A. Will any staff be reassigned because of the closure/deletion?

No staff will be reassigned due to the deletion of the two majors.

IV. Courses affected by the closure/deletion:

A. Will any courses need to be deleted? If yes, submit the Course Deletion Form along with the Program Delete Form. If the courses to be deleted are outside the originating department/school, a Course Deletion Form from those areas is required to be attached to the Program Delete Form.

No course(s) will be deleted due the deletion of the two (2) majors. No courses are planned for deletion because all the undergraduate courses will continue to be taught as either required or electives in the single (Criminal Justice) major.

V. Low Productivity Report:

A. Has this program been identified on the state's Low Productivity Report? If yes, please explain the cause(s) of low productivity and any actions that were taken to attempt to increase enrollments and graduation rates.

No, the BSCJ program has NOT been identified on the state's Low Productivity Report.

Attachment A
Criminal Justice Baccalaureate Degree Programs
Texas Public Institutions

Texas Institutions	Major Name	Baccalaureate Degree(s)	CIP Code	Fall 2015 Enrollments
Angelo State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BS	43.0104.00	229
Lamar University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BS	43.0104.00	481
Midwestern State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0104.00	174
Prairie View A&M University	CRIMINAL JUST-JUVENILE JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0110.00	118
Prairie View A&M University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0104.00	398
Sam Houston State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BS	43.0104.00	2,809
Stephen F. Austin State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE-CORRECTIONS	BA	43.0102.00	34
Stephen F. Austin State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE-LEGAL ASSISTANT	BA	22.0302.00	46
Sul Ross State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	143
Sul Ross State University Rio Grande College	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	91
Tarleton State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	448
Tarleton State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE ADMINISTRATION	BAAS	43.0103.00	130
Texas A&M International University	LAW ENFORCEMENT	BSCJ	43.0107.00	684
Texas A&M University-Central Texas	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0103.00	148
Texas A&M University-Commerce	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BACJ, BSCJ	43.0104.00	328
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	332
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA	43.0104.00	32
Texas A&M University-Kingsville	CRIMINOLOGY	BS	45.0401.00	279
Texas A&M University-San Antonio	CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	45.0401.00	267
Texas A&M University-Texarkana	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0104.00	52
Texas Southern University	ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE	BS	43.0103.00	351
Texas State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0104.00	710
Texas State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE CORRECTIONS	BSCJ	43.0102.00	65
Texas State University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE LAW ENFORCEMENT	BSCJ	43.0107.00	485
Texas Woman's University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BS	43.0104.00	188
The University of Texas at Arlington	CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BCRCJ	43.0104.00	647
The University of Texas at Brownsville	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0103.00	576
The University of Texas at Brownsville	CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0104.00	55
The University of Texas at Dallas	CRIMINOLOGY	BS	45.0401.00	235

The University of Texas at El Paso	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA	43.0104.00	1,230
The University of Texas at San Antonio	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA	43.0104.00	931
The University of Texas at Tyler	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	161
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	49
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin	CRIMINOLOGY	BA	45.0401.00	73
The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BSCJ	43.0103.00	1,237
University of Houston-Clear Lake	CRIMINOLOGY	BS	45.0401.00	165
University of Houston-Downtown	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BAAS, BS	43.0104.00	679
University of Houston-Victoria	CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDIES	BS	43.0104.00	165
University of North Texas	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	774
University of North Texas at Dallas	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BS	43.0104.00	281
West Texas A&M University	CRIMINAL JUSTICE	BA, BS	43.0104.00	232

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Signature Page

1. *I hereby certify that the above program closure(s) and deletion(s) have been approved in accordance with the procedures outlined in rules, regulations and policies at the Texas State University System Board of Regents, the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.*

Chief Executive Officer

Date

2. Board of Regents Approval – A member of the Board of Regents or designee shall sign the following statement:

On behalf of the Board of Regents, I certify that the Board of Regents has approved the above program closure(s) and deletion(s).

Board of Regents (or Designee)

Date