



FRESHMAN

YOUR CLASS SCHEDULE

- Review core requirements.
- Register for CRIJ 1301 and MATH 1320.
- Review foreign language requirements and take placement exam if required.

ACADEMIC ADVISING

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor (Hawthorne St., 1st Floor) before registration.
- Visit the Career Center to learn about career opportunities in Criminal Justice.

ENRICHING EXPERIENCES

- Ask your advisor about joining a learning community.
- Join Lambda Alpha Epsilon, the Criminal Justice Student Society.
- Engage with your field by attending panels and speakers sponsored by the Criminal Justice Department.

LIFE LONG SUCCESS

- Discover tutoring resources, such as the University Writing Center and the Math Resource Center for Students.
- Cultivate healthy lifestyle habits by visiting the Student Recreation Center.
- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Visit the University Career Center and begin developing your resume or CV for opportunities in Criminal Justice.
- Maintain a clean driving and criminal record as well as a high credit score.

SOPHOMORE

- Take three of the four systems classes: CRIJ 1306, 1310, 2313, and 2328.
- Begin taking courses for your language requirement. Consider enrolling in Arabic or Portuguese classes.
- Declare a complementary minor.

- Meet with your Academic Advising Center advisor (Hawthorne St., 1st Floor) before registration.
- Ask your advisor about the benefits of Study Abroad courses.
- Discuss minor options with your advisor.
- Reach out to the LSPI if you are considering law school.

- Discover community involvement opportunities in your field through the Center for Civic Engagement.
- Explore the world with a summer Study Abroad course.
- Seek leadership opportunities in Lambda Alpha Epsilon.

- Network at employer recruitment activities with JobMine.
- Join the Liberal Arts Honors Program.
- Represent your College through the Liberal Arts Ambassadors Program.
- Identify scholarship opportunities through the Office of Scholarships.

JUNIOR

- Complete upper division core Criminal Justice classes: CRIJ 3313, 3300, and 4312.
- Complete your four class language requirements.
- Start taking block electives.

- Meet with your departmental advisor once you reach 60 credit hours in EDUC 111.
- Discuss internship opportunities with the Criminal Justice Internship Coordinator.

- Follow the Department of Criminal Justice Facebook Page for on-campus events.
- Consider a summer study abroad course or prepare for law school through LSPI.
- Build on your community-engagement efforts by participating in Project MOVE.

- Speak with the graduate director to identify opportunities for graduate or professional study.
- Research career opportunities in government, law enforcement, law, and social services.
- Cultivate positive relationships with professors in anticipation of letters of recommendation and references.

SENIOR

- Complete your major requirements. You must have 21-24 credit hours at the 3000/4000 level, and you must have 120 total credit hours to graduate.
- Finish your block electives.
- Consider research opportunities with faculty through a CRIJ elective independent study.

- Meet with your departmental Academic Advisor in EDUC 111.
- Review your graduation audit with the Graduation Director.
- Visit the College of Liberal Arts Student Success Center once you reach 90 hours for a review of your degree plan.
- In order to graduate, GPA must be a minimum of 2.0 in all three areas: Major GPA, Minor GPA and Overall GPA.

- Follow the Department of Criminal Justice Facebook Page for CJ job openings.
- Mentor new student peers in Lambda Alpha Epsilon.

- Take the GRE if preparing for graduate school outside of UTEP.
- Take the LSAT if preparing for law school.
- Explore job fairs for career opportunities.
- Practice interviewing at Career Center Workshops.
- Join the UTEP Alumni Association.

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EDGE ADVANTAGES | UTEP students will graduate with these skills:

- Leadership
- Problem-solving
- Communication
- Entrepreneurship
- Social Responsibility
- Confidence
- Global Awareness
- Teamwork
- Critical Thinking



Welcome to UTEP College of Liberal Arts

With nearly 7,000 students, the College of Liberal Arts is the largest college on the UTEP campus, with degree programs in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and the social sciences. The college also provides most of the UTEP core curriculum to students in all colleges. Excellence is found throughout the college's programs, from its online bilingual M.F.A. in Creative Writing – the first of its kind in the country – to its doctoral degrees in Borderlands History, Rhetoric and Composition, and Psychology. Faculty engages in interdisciplinary research in Hispanic health disparities, social justice, border studies and environmental communication. The Patricia and Paul Yetter Law School Preparation Institute, a program that helps prepare UTEP students for law school, is nationally known for its success. In several degree programs, students have the opportunity to enroll in internships, which provide valuable experience in their areas of interest. Students also benefit from an increasing number of study abroad opportunities, including courses taught by college faculty in Rome, London and Seville, Spain. The college's new honors program began in 2012 with a variety of academic enrichment components and an honors minor.

Seek UT

The UT System has developed **SeekUT** to provide valuable data about employment earnings for the first five years after graduation, as well as average student loan debt for graduates by degree major.

- View information about your degree major with this **free**, on-line tool.
- Get real data about employment earnings based on more than 210,000 UTEP and other UT institution graduates working in Texas.
- Explore graduate school data, too.

www.utsystem.edu/seekUT

Checklist for success

- Create a Job Mine account.
- Check in with your advisor.
- Review your degree plan to stay on track. (degreeplans.utep.edu)
- Attend a financial literacy workshop.
- Visit the Student Engagement & Leadership Center (SELC). (sa.utep.edu/selc)

The top 10 skills employers seek:

- Ability to verbally communicate with persons inside and outside the organization
- Ability to work in a team structure
- Ability to make decisions and solve problems
- Ability to plan, organize and prioritize work
- Ability to obtain and process information
- Ability to analyze quantitative data
- Technical knowledge related to the job
- Proficiency with computer software programs
- Ability to create and/or edit written reports
- Ability to sell or influence others

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