

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE, MAJOR IN VICTIM STUDIES

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| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Bachelor of Science, Major in Victim Studies | | |
| Core Curriculum (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/) | | |
| Component Area I (Communication) | | 6 |
| Component Area II (Mathematics) ¹ | | 3 |
| Component Area III (Life and Physical Science) | | 8 |
| Component Area IV (Language, Philosophy, and Culture) | | 3 |
| Component Area V (Creative Arts) | | 3 |
| Component Area VI (U.S. History) | | 6 |
| Component Area VII (Political Science/Government) | | 6 |
| Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences) ² | | 3 |
| Component Area IX (Component Area Option) | | 4 |
| Degree Specific Requirements | | |
| MATH 3379 | Statistical Methods in Practice | 3-4 |
| or STAT 3379 | Statistical Methods in Practice | |
| or PSYC 3402 | Psychological Statistics | |
| Select five of the following: | | 15 |
| COMS 3370 | Intercultural Communication | |
| COMS 3371 | Conflict, Negotiation, and Resolution | |
| ECON 2300 | Introduction To Economics | |
| PHIL 2303 | Critical Thinking | |
| PHIL 3365 | Modern Philosophy | |
| POLS 3393 | Social Policy | |
| PSYC 1301 | Introduction To Psychology | |
| PSYC 3331 | Abnormal Psychology | |
| PSYC 3383 | Psychology And The Law | |
| SOCI 1301 | Introduction to Sociology | |
| SOCI 3324 | Social Inequality | |
| Major: Foundation | | |
| CRIJ 2361 | Introduction To The Criminal Justice System ^{2,3} | 3 |
| CRIJ 2362 | Criminology ³ | 3 |
| CRIJ 3378 | Introduction To Methods Of Research ⁴ | 3 |
| VCST 3350 | Victimology | 3 |
| VCST 4398 | Problem Analysis in Victim Studies | 3 |
| Major: Prescribed Electives | | |
| Select nine of the following: | | 27 |
| CRIJ 2364 | Fundamentals Of Criminal Law | |
| CRIJ 4073 | Undergraduate Internship in Criminal Justice | |
| CRIJ 4362 | Substance Use And Abuse | |
| CRIJ 4385 | Criminal Justice and Social Diversity | |
| POLS 3338 | Victims' Rights, Politics, and Policy | |
| VCST 3341 | Aging, Crime and Victimization | |
| VCST 3351 | Victim Service Delivery | |
| VCST 4338 | Child Abuse And Neglect | |
| VCST 4351 | Trauma and Crisis Intervention | |
| VCST 4370 | Interviewing & Counseling | |
| VCST 4376 | Independent Study in Victim Studies | |

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| VCST 4377 | Special Topics in Victim Studies | |
| VCST 4383 | Family Violence | |
| VCST 4390 | Violence Against Women | |
| Electives: General | | |
| General Electives | | 21 |
| Minor: Not Required ^{5, 6} | | |
| Total Hours | | 120-121 |

- ¹ MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 is recommended.
- ² Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VIII (Social and Behavioral Sciences).
- ³ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 1.
- ⁴ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.
- ⁵ A minor is not required for this degree program; however, a student has the option to add a minor, but to do so, additional semester credit hours will be needed above the degree program's stated total semester credit hours.
- ⁶ The following minors cannot be paired with this degree program: Minor in Criminal Justice and Minor in Victim Studies.

Notes

Students must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.

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Forty-two semester hours of advanced coursework (3000 or 4000 level) are the absolute minimum. Minimum number of semester hours in residence: 30 semester hours of which 24 must be advanced.

Use General Electives to satisfy the 42 advanced hour requirement.

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First Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
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| Component Area II (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaii) ¹ | | 3 Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiii) | 4 |
| Component Area III (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaaiii) | | 4 Component Area V (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaav) | 3 |
| CRIJ 2361 ^{2, 3} | | 3 CRIJ 2362 ³ | 3 |
| ENGL 1301 ⁴ | | 3 ENGL 1302 ⁴ | 3 |
| HSTY 1301 ⁵ | | 3 HSTY 1302 ⁵ | 3 |
| | 16 | | 16 |

Second Year

| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
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| Component Area IV (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaiv) | | 3 Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) | 3 |
| Component Area IX (http://catalog.shsu.edu/undergraduate/academic-policies-procedures/degree-requirements-academic-guidelines/core-curriculum/#componentareaix) | | 1 Degree Specific Requirement ⁷ | 3 |
| CRIJ 3378 ⁶ | | 3 MATH 3379, STAT 3379, or PSYC 3402 | 3-4 |
| Degree Specific Requirement ⁷ | | 3 POLS 2306 ⁸ | 3 |

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| POLS 2305 ⁸ | | 3 VCST 3350 | | 3 |
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| Third Year | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | |
| Degree Specific Requirement ⁷ | | 3 Degree Specific Requirement ⁷ | 3 | |
| General Electives | | 6 General Electives | 6 | |
| Prescribed Electives ⁹ | | 3 Prescribed Electives ⁹ | 3 | |
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| | | 15 | 15 | |
| Fourth Year | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | |
| Degree Specific Requirement ⁷ | | 3 General Electives | 6 | |
| General Electives | | 3 Prescribed Elective ⁹ | 6 | |
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| VCST 4398 | | 3 | | |
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- ⁴ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area I (Communication).
- ⁵ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VI (U.S. History).
- ⁶ May be completed during either Fall or Spring semester of Year 2.
- ⁷ See Degree Specific Requirements course list in the table below.
- ⁸ Satisfies Core Curriculum requirement for Component Area VII (Political Science/Government).
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The BS in Victim Studies is designed to provide graduates with the following marketable skills:

- Critical thinking.
- Written and oral communication.
- Analytical research.
- Proactive and action oriented.