



**Transfer Degree Map: South Plains College  
Associate of Arts Criminal Justice to  
Sam Houston State University  
Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security**



**4 – Year Suggested Academic Plan for Transfer, 2024 – 2025 Catalog Year**

**First Year - Freshman**

SPC Fall Semester				SPC Spring Semester			
SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
ENGL 1301	ENGL 1301	Composition I	3	ENGL 1302	ENGL 1302	Composition II	3
CRIJ 2313 (4)	CRIJ 2365	Correctional Systems & Practices	3	PSYC 2301 (4)	PSYC 1301	General Psychology	3
HIST 1301	HIST 1301	U.S. History I	3	Life Phys. Sci.	(Core 030)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum	4
MATH 1332 or MATH 1342 (1)	MATH 1332 or MATH 1342	Core Component Area II: Mathematics	3	HIST 1302	HIST 1302	U.S. History II	3
SOCI 1301 (2)	SOCI 1301	Introduction to Sociology	3	CRIJ 2328 (2)	CRIJ 2367	Police Systems & Practices	3
CRIJ 1301	CRIJ 2361	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3				
<b>Total</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>

**Second Year - Sophomore**

SPC Fall Semester				SPC Spring Semester			
SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
SPCH 1315, SPCH 1321	COMS 1361, COMS 2362	Public Speaking or Business and Professional Communication (Core 090)	3	Life Phys. Sci.	(Core 030)	Choose from LSC Core Curriculum	4
GOVT 2305	POLS 2305	Federal Government	3	GOVT 2306	POLS 2306	Texas Government	3
HUMA 2319	SOCI 2319	American Minority Studies (Core 040)	3	ECON 1303 (2)	ECON 2300	Survey of Economics	3
Creative Arts	(Core 050)	Choose from SPC Core Curriculum	3	CRIJ 1307 (4)	CRIJ 2362	Crime in America	3
CRIJ 1310 (2)	CRIJ 2364	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3	KINE Activity (4)	General Elective	KINE Activity Course – 1 hour class (SPC AA degree requirement)	1
PHED 1115	KINE 2115	Diet & Exercise (Core 090)	1				
<b>Total</b>			<b>16</b>	<b>Total</b>			<b>14</b>

**SPC Summer Session**

SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SPC	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
General Electives (4)	General Electives	General Electives	2				
<b>Total</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>			

**South Plains College Total Semester Hours: 66**

**Third Year - Junior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
SCST 2363	Introduction to Homeland Security	3	SCST 3394	Global Terrorism & Homeland Security	3
SCST 2365	Introduction to Emergency Management	3	SCST 4365	Border Security	3
SCST 2364	Homeland Security Research Methods	3	SCST 3380	Law and Ethics in Homeland Security	3
Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3	SCST 3393	Public Health in Homeland Security	3
Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3	Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>15</b>

**Fourth Year - Senior**

SHSU Fall Semester			SHSU Spring Semester		
SHSU	Course Name	Hrs	SHSU	Course Name	Hrs
SCST 4363	Homeland Security Intelligence	3	Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3
Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3	Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3
Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3	Prescribed Electives (3)	Prescribed Electives	3
SCST 4367	Critical Infrastructure Security	3	SCST 4379	Comparative Homeland Security	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>12</b>

**SHSU Total Semester Hours: 54**



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**Notes/Comments:**

- (1) MATH 1342 or MATH 1332 is recommended.
- (2) Degree Specific Requirements - Select four (4) from the following:
  - CRIJ 2364 - Fundamentals Of Criminal Law,
  - CRIJ 2367 - Police Systems & Practices,
  - CRIJ 2368 - Criminal Investigation,
  - CRIJ 2394 - Courts And Criminal Procedure,
  - ECON 2300 - Introduction To Economics,
  - PHIL 2303 - Critical Thinking,
  - SOCI 1301 - Introduction to Sociology
- (3) Prescribed Electives - Select four (4) from the following: (Might want to choose advanced credits, 3000 or 4000 level)
  - SCST 2366 - Introduction to Cybersecurity,
  - SCST 2368 - Transportation Security,
  - SCST 3381 - Climate and Security,
  - SCST 3383 - Energy Security,
  - SCST 3384 - Water Security,
  - SCST 4301 - Chemical and Energy Sector Resilience,
  - SCST 4302 - Healthcare Sector Resilience,
  - SCST 4303 - Transportation Sector Resilience,
  - SCST 4362 - United States Security Post 9/11,
  - SCST 4364 - Homeland Security and Emergency Management,
  - SCST 4368 - Technology and Homeland Security,
  - SCST 4370 - Intelligence Analysis,
  - SCST 4373 - Homeland Defense and Civil Support,
  - SCST 4377 - Special Topics in Security Studies,
  - SCST 4386 - Interagency and Public Communications in HS,
  - SCST 4387 - Strategic Planning for Homeland Sec,
- (4) General Electives - Any level course. Degree requires 12 hours of general electives.

## **Sam Houston State University – Transfer Information**

### **Program Specific Information:**

#### ***Bachelor of Science in Homeland Security***

- Student must earn a 2.0 minimum overall GPA in all coursework.
- 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.
- Additional information: Reference the [Program Landing Page](#) for additional information, such as cost, delivery format, contact information, or to schedule a visit.

### **Transfer of Credit & Student Benefits:**

- Reverse transfer of credit.
- [Be A Bearkat - Transfer \(shsu.edu\)](#)
- Bearkat Transfer Scholarship available to full-time students:
  - Please refer to <http://www.shsu.edu/dept/financial-aid/scholarships/transfer.html> for Transfer Scholarship Conditions and Renewal Scholarship Conditions
- SPC Honors students admitted to SHSU:
  - will be accepted to SHSU's Honors College. Students must have a minimum GPA of 3.25 and satisfy other Honors College admission criteria (such as full-time enrollment of at least 12 hours)
  - may transfer up to 12 hours of SPC Honors credits
  - will be eligible for additional scholarships
  - may develop their SPC Honors thesis (if completed) into an SHSU Honors thesis (and thereby graduate "with Highest Honors")
  - will be eligible, if space permits, to live in SHSU's dorms