

MISSION STATEMENT

Texas College is a Historically Black College founded in 1894, by the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, now the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church (CME). Our mission continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. The College shall prepare students with competencies in critical and creative thinking related to the knowledge, skills and abilities as defined in the areas of study using different modalities of instruction. Additionally, the College shall provide an environment to inspire intellectual, spiritual, ethical moral and social development, which empowers graduates to engage in life-long learning, leadership, and service. (Restated and approved by the Board of Trustees, October 24, 2024).

CORE VALUES

To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

Academic Excellence - Developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills.

Integrity - Instilling the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

Perseverance - Implanting diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

Social Responsibility - Promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

Tolerance - Emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

Community Service - Encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

VISION STATEMENT

Texas College - a creative, culturally diverse, inclusive environment, preparing students who aspire to be purpose-driven, financially secure and marketable leaders.



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CRIMINAL JUSTICE AT TEXAS COLLEGE

The curriculum for Criminal Justice at Texas College is designed to provide students with an understanding of the criminal justice system, its agencies, personnel, and historical foundation. The program offers a broad blend of courses intended to prepare students for both academic and professional success with the framework of a strong liberal arts education. A fundamental element of the criminal justice program is experiential learning; students must complete an internship with a social science related agency. The liberal arts focus of the program prepares students for graduate school in criminal justice and for careers at the local, state, and federal levels in law enforcement, corrections, and court-related agencies.

BENEFITS OF A DEGREE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

A degree in Criminal Justice offers a wide range of benefits, making it an attractive option for those interested in the legal system, law enforcement, and social justice. Congruently, a Criminal Justice degree offers a robust foundation for a meaningful and impactful career, with numerous pathways for specialization and advancement. Key benefits include:

1. Diverse Career Opportunities

- **Law Enforcement:** Graduates can work as police officers, detectives, or federal agents.
- **Legal Field:** Positions such as paralegal, legal assistant, or court administrator are common.
- **Corrections:** Opportunities in prison management, probation, and parole.
- **Forensic Science:** Roles in crime scene investigation and forensic analysis.
- **Private Security:** Careers in corporate security, private investigation, and loss prevention.
- **Social Services:** Jobs in social work, rehabilitation, and juvenile justice.

2. Job Stability and Growth

- **High Demand:** Law enforcement and security jobs are consistently in demand.
- **Government Positions:** Many jobs are within government agencies, offering job security and benefits.
- **Growth Areas:** Fields like cybersecurity and forensic science are expanding, providing new opportunities.

3. Skill Development

- **Analytical Skills:** Critical thinking and problem-solving are essential in criminal justice roles.
- **Communication:** Strong written and verbal communication skills are developed.
- **Ethics and Integrity:** A deep understanding of ethical issues and the importance of integrity in the field.
- **Legal Knowledge:** Comprehensive knowledge of laws, legal procedures, and the justice system.

4. Impact on Society

- **Community Safety:** Contributing to the safety and well-being of communities.
- **Justice and Fairness:** Working towards a fair and just legal system.
- **Victim Support:** Providing support and advocacy for victims of crime.

5. Personal Fulfillment

- **Sense of Duty:** Many find fulfillment in serving the public and upholding the law.
- **Variety of Work:** The field offers dynamic and varied daily tasks, reducing monotony.
- **Professional Growth:** Opportunities for continuous learning and career advancement.

6. Educational Foundation

- **Further Education:** A criminal justice degree can be a stepping stone to law school or advanced degrees in public administration, criminology, or social work.
- **Specialized Knowledge:** Specialized courses in areas like cybercrime, juvenile justice, or international law enforcement.

7. Networking Opportunities

- **Professional Connections:** Building a network of professionals in law enforcement, legal fields, and social services.
- **Internships and Practicums:** Hands-on experience and connections through practical training programs.

8. Versatility

- **Applicable Skills:** Skills learned in a criminal justice program are applicable to a wide range of professions.
- **Transferable Knowledge:** Knowledge of the legal system, investigative techniques,

