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# Criminal Justice

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# Faculty

- **Dale Gear**
  - Juris Doctor, St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas
  - Instructor & Program Coordinator
- **Jesus Suarez**
  - Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Sul Ross University
  - Instructor
- **Norma Barbosa**
  - Master of Science in Criminal Justice, Lamar University at Beaumont, Texas
  - Dual Credit Adjunct Instructor - UCISD

# Degree Choices

- **Associate of Arts**
  - Field of Study (15 hours of Criminal justice and 45 hours core)
- **Associate of Applied Sciences**
  - Criminal Justice Option (45 hours of Criminal justice and 15 hours core)
- **Associate of Applied Sciences**
  - Basic Peace Officer Option (Last semester enrolled in Law Enforcement Academy)

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# Field of Study (A.A.)

Students complete an introductory criminal justice course, as well as criminal law and three other courses covering the three components of the criminal justice system: Police, Courts, and Corrections.

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# Criminal Justice (A.A.S.)

Students complete a comprehensive study of the criminal justice system including the five courses required for the field of study. Other areas studied include criminology, juvenile justice, criminal investigation, criminal constitutional law, cybercrimes, death investigation, use of force, & ethics. The course of study requires completion of an internship of 128 hours.

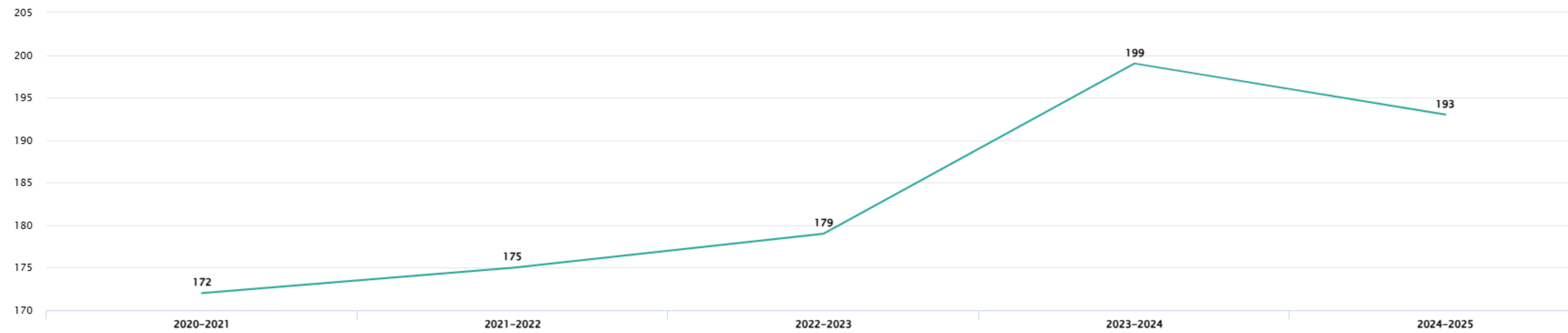
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# Basic Peace Officer (A.A.S.)

Students can enroll in the Law Enforcement Academy in their last semester or last year depending on whether they are in the day or evening academy program. The hours they earn in the academy will be applied towards the 60 hours required to obtain their AAS.

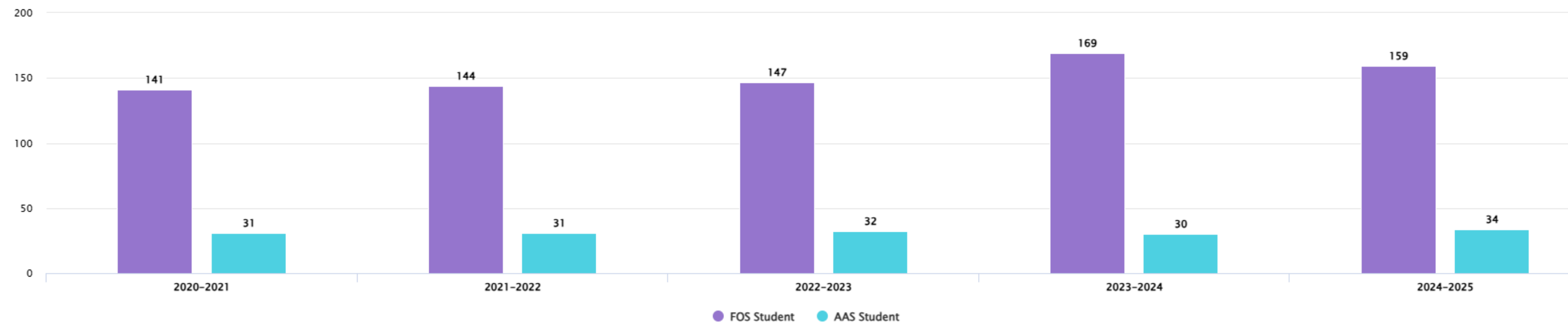
## Program Enrollment

Distinct Student ID



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# Strategic Plan Initiative (SPI)

- **Objective**

- Increase persistence rate 10% from Fall 2024 to Fall 2025

- **Action**

- Contact three students weekly from CRIJ 1310, who have missed an assignment, to check in with them on their progress and any issues they may have with the course.
- Utilize EdPuzzle to incorporate video quizzes into course modules to enhance immediate feedback and to promote active viewing of course video material.

- **Measure**

- 70% of students completing the course will earn a final grade of 80 or above.



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# Employment Outlook

The Texas Workforce Commission projects that the number of new positions for police and deputies will increase by 8.31% from 2022-2032. With the situation at the southern border of the U.S., the need for border patrol agents and Texas DPS state troopers should increase. Many criminal justice students plan to apply for employment with these two organizations. Anecdotally, the number of criminal justice students planning to extend their education to four-year degrees, graduate school, & law school is trending upward.



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