

# Criminal Justice and Psychology, BS (Boston)

This combined major educates students in criminal justice and psychology and the interface between the two disciplines. The scope and sequence of psychology courses provide students with a foundation in the interdisciplinary science of psychology, including the biological and psychosocial bases of behavior, learning, personality, and cognition. Criminal justice courses provide a foundation for understanding individual and systemic aspects of criminology and criminal justice. Students completing this program should be able to understand the relationships between the fields, as they relate to understanding and addressing criminal behavior.

## Program Requirements

Complete all courses listed below unless otherwise indicated. Also complete any corequisite labs, recitations, clinicals, or tools courses where specified and complete any additional courses needed beyond specific college and major requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

## Universitywide Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the Universitywide Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

## NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

## Criminal Justice Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to Crime, Law, and the Justice System</b>		
What do we know about crime and justice? In these three courses, students have an opportunity to develop a foundational understanding of three related phenomena: why crime exists, how our criminal justice system responds to crime, and the constitutional and legal oversight of this process.		
CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CRIM 1110	Criminal Due Process	4
CRIM 1120	Criminology	4
CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
<b>Current Crime and Justice Issues</b>		
These courses introduce students to topical issues related to crime and justice.		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 1300	The Death Penalty	
CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking	
CRIM 1500	Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability	
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	
<b>Understanding and Experiencing Criminal Justice Institutions and Systems</b>		
How does justice work and for whom? These courses introduce students to the systems and institutions tasked with providing justice. Each includes experiential learning components in cooperation with local criminal justice institutions.		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 2310	Courts: The Third Branch of Government	
CRIM 2320	Youth Crime and Justice	
CRIM 2330	Punishment in the Age of Mass Incarceration	
CRIM 2340	Corporate Security: Securing the Private Sector	
CRIM 2350	Policing a Democratic Society	
CRIM 2370	Restorative Justice: Transforming the System	
CRIM 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
<b>Crime Problems</b>		
The following courses offer students a deeper look at a range of crime problems.		
Complete one of the following:		4
AFCS 3210	Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance	
CRIM 3010	Criminal Violence	
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3050	Organized Crime	

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CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism
CRIM 3070	Corporate and White-Collar Crime
CRIM 3100	Criminal Law
CRIM 3540	Substance Use and Social Justice

### Systemic Issues

A consideration of systemic issues facing the criminal justice system.	
Complete one of the following:	4

CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice
CRIM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice

### Digital Skills

Successful students develop digital skills and master digital tools useful for careers related to crime and justice. Students choose one of two courses (each has a required lab). The computer science course introduces students to spreadsheets and databases. The data science course introduces students to programming with data.	
Complete one of the following (and the appropriate lab):	4-5

CS 1100 and CS 1101	Computer Science and Its Applications and Lab for CS 1100
CS 2000 and CS 2001	Introduction to Program Design and Implementation and Lab for CS 2000

### Criminal Justice Electives

Rounding out knowledge of crime and justice.	
Complete two additional criminal justice electives from the 3000, 4000 or 5000-level.	8

## Psychology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Introduction to College</b>		
INSC 1000 or CRIM 1000	Science at Northeastern Criminal Justice at Northeastern	1
<b>Experiential Learning Introduction</b>		
EESC 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
<b>Introductory Course</b>		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
<b>Mathematics</b>		
Choose one of the following:		4
MATH 1215	Mathematical Thinking	
MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics	
MATH 1241	Calculus 1	
<b>Statistics</b>		
Complete the following. Students who receive transfer credit for the Advanced Placement Statistics exam may complete the 1 semester hour PSYC 2315 course (requires department permission).		4-5
PSYC 2320	Statistics in Psychological Research	
<b>Personality/Social Bases of Behavior</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
PSYC 3400	Personality	
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3404	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 3406	Clinical Psychology and Mental Health	
<b>Biological/Cognitive Bases of Behavior</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
PSYC 3450 or PSYC 3451	Learning and Motivation Learning Principles and Behavior Analysis	
PSYC 3452	Sensation and Perception	
PSYC 3458	Biological Psychology	
PSYC 3464	Psychology of Language	
PSYC 3466	Cognition	
<b>Research Experience</b>		

Complete one of the following: 4

PSYC 4600	Laboratory in Research Design
PSYC 4604	Laboratory in Learning and Motivation
PSYC 4606	Laboratory in Biological Psychology
PSYC 4610	Laboratory in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4612	Laboratory in Cognition
PSYC 4614	Laboratory in Social Psychology
PSYC 4616	Laboratory in Personality
PSYC 4622	Laboratory in Sensation and Perception
PSYC 4624	Laboratory in Affective Science
PSYC 4626	Laboratory in Life-Span Emotional Development

**Psychology Seminar**

Complete one of the following: 4

PSYC 4656	Seminar in Biological Psychology
PSYC 4658	Seminar in Psycholinguistics
PSYC 4660	Seminar in Cognition
PSYC 4662	Seminar in Personality
PSYC 4664	Seminar in Social Psychology
PSYC 4666	Seminar in Clinical Psychology
PSYC 4668	Seminar in Sensation and Perception
PSYC 4674	Seminar in Cognitive Neuroscience
PSYC 4676	Seminar in Developmental Psychology
PSYC 4682	Seminar in Learning and Motivation

**Electives**

Complete two PSYC courses. 8

**Integrative Requirement**

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	4

**Writing Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
ENGW 1111	First-Year Writing	4
or ENGW 1102	First-Year Writing for Multilingual Writers	
ENGW 3315	Interdisciplinary Advanced Writing in the Disciplines	4
or ENGW 3307	Advanced Writing in the Sciences	
or ENGW 3308	Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences	

**NUPath Requirements**

The following NUPath Requirements are met by the major:

- Analyzing and Using Data (AD)
- Conducting Formal and Quantitative Reasoning (FQ)
- Demonstrating Thought and Action in a Capstone (CE)
- Engaging with the Natural and Designed World (ND)
- Understanding Societies and Institutions (SI)

Other NUPath requirements may be fulfilled by electives in the program.

**Criminal Justice and Psychology Combined Major Credit Requirement**

Complete 92 semester hours in the major.

**Science GPA Requirement (Psychology)**A minimum 2.000 GPA in the following course codes is required: PSYC.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1100		4 CRIM 1110		4 CRIM 1120		4 NU Path EI	4
ENGW 1111		4 CS 1100		4 PSYC 3402		4 Open Elective	4
MATH 1215		4 PSYC 3400		4			
PSYC 1101		4 PSYC 3450		4			
INSC 1000		1					
		17		16		8	8
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
PSYC 2320		4 EESC 2000		1 PSYC Elective		4 Co-op	0
PSYC 3458		4 NU Path DD		4 Open Elective		4	
CRIM Justice Thematic Elective		4 CJ Survey Elective		4			
NU Path IC		4 PSYC Elective		4			
		Open Elective		4			
		16		17		8	0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op		0 CRIM 3040		4 Adv. Writing		4 Co-op	0
		CRIM 3600		4 NU Path ER		4	
		PSYC 4612		4			
		CRIM Elective		4			
		0		16		8	0
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
Co-op		0 Psychology Seminar		4			
		CJ System Wide Elective		4			
		CRIM Elective		4			
		Open Elective		4			
		0		16			

Total Hours: 130