

Criminology and Criminal Justice, BS (Boston)

The Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree is designed to prepare students for professional and research careers in criminal justice, criminology, and related fields by applying multidisciplinary and comparative social science to understand, predict, and explain crime and contribute to the development of public policy. Using an experiential learning approach, the criminology and criminal justice major seeks to develop its students intellectually and ethically, while providing them with a keen appreciation for the complexities of crime and public and private efforts to make communities safer and ensure justice.

Program Requirements

Fundamentals

Code	Title	Hours
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Introduction to College

CRIM 1000	Criminal Justice at Northeastern	1
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Introduction to Crime, Law, and the Justice System

What do we know about crime and justice? In these three courses successful students will 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

Current Crime and Justice Issues

These courses introduce students to topical issues related to crime and justice.

Complete one of the following:		4
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CRIM 1300	The Death Penalty	
CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking	
CRIM 1500	Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability	
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	

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 or 5
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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 Institutions and Systems

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Understanding and Experiencing Criminal Justice Institutions and Systems

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 two of the following:		8
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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	

Preparing for Co-op

The following course is designed to prepare students to apply for and embark on their first co-op. Students who do not take a co-op may replace EESH 2000, CRIM 3000, and CRIM 4000 with an additional CRIM elective.

EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
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Crime Problems and Justice System Challenges

Code	Title	Hours
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Creating Knowledge About Crime and Justice

How do we know what we know about crime and justice—and how do we develop new knowledge? Harnessing data to learn about issues, identify solutions, and advocate for change.

CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
CRIM 3700	Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice	4

Crime Problems

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	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
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

AFCS 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment	
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice	
CRIM 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	

Returning from Co-op

Allows students the opportunity to reflect on their co-op experience and its connection to their ongoing coursework and future plans:

CRIM 3000	Co-op Integration Seminar 2 (required after first co-op)	1
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Solutions and Reform

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Solutions and Reform

How do we reinvent criminal justice institutions and their practice? The capstone experience is project based and solution oriented, drawing on knowledge gained in the classroom and through co-op and other experiences.

CRIM 4949	Senior Capstone Seminar	4
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Student-Generated Knowledge

Opportunities for student research (optional):

CRIM 4991	Research	
CRIM 4970	Junior/Senior Honors Project 1 (may serve as a substitute for the "Solutions and Reform" requirement)	
CRIM 4971	Junior/Senior Honors Project 2	

Returning from Co-op

Allows students the opportunity to reflect on their co-op experience and its connection to their ongoing coursework and future plans:

CRIM 4000	Co-op Integration Seminar 3	1
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Criminal Justice Electives

Rounding out knowledge of crime and justice.

Complete four additional CRIM electives. Three must be from the 3000, 4000, or 5000-level. 16

Criminal Justice Sequence Requirements

Complete three courses from the same department, two of which must be numbered 2000 or above, or complete a minor.

Criminal Justice Credit Requirement

Complete 63 credit hours in the major.

Experiential Liberal Arts

All students in this College of Social Sciences and Humanities program are required to complete the Experiential Liberal Arts Requirement (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Four Years, One Co-op

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1000		1 CRIM 1110		4 Elective		4 Vacation	
CRIM 1100		4 CRIM 1120		4			
Current crime and justice issues course		4 Digital skills course and lab		5			
ENGW 1111		4 Elective		4			
Elective		4					
		17	17		4		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Systems and institutions course		4 Systems and institutions course		4 Elective		4 Vacation	
CRIM elective		4 CRIM 3600		4			
Sequence elective		4 CRIM elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
		16	16		4		0
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 3700		4 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 Elective	4
Crime problems elective		4					
Systemic issues elective		4					
Elective		4					
EESH 2000		1					
		17	0		0		4
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours				
CRIM elective		4 Solutions and reform course		4			
Sequence elective		4 CRIM elective		4			
Elective		4 Sequence elective		4			
Elective		4 Elective		4			
CRIM 3000		1					
		17	16				

Total Hours: 128

Four Years, Two Co-ops

Year 1							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1000		1 CRIM 1110		4 Elective		4 Vacation	
CRIM 1100	4	CRIM 1120	4	Elective		4	
Current crime and justice issues course	4	Digital skills course and lab	5				
ENGW 1111	4	Elective	4				

Elective	4						
	17		17		8		0
Year 2							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Systems and institutions course	4	Co-Op		0	Co-Op	0	Elective
CRIM elective	4					Elective	4
Sequence elective	4						
Elective	4						
EESH2000 Co-Op Preparation	1						
	17		0		0		8
Year 3							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 3700	4	Co-op		0	Co-op	0	Elective
Crime problems elective	4					Elective	4
Systemic issues elective	4						
Elective	4						
CRIM 3000	1						
	17		0		0		8
Year 4							
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours		
CRIM elective	4	CRIM elective		4	Elective	4	
Sequence elective	4	CRIM Elective		4			
Elective	4	Sequence elective		4			
Elective	4	Elective		4			
CRIM 4000	1						
	17		16		4		
Total Hours: 129							