

Africana Studies and Criminal Justice, BA (Boston)

The combined major in Africana studies and criminal justice offers students an opportunity to integrate their studies of both disciplines. Africana studies is an interdisciplinary field focused on the experiences of Black people throughout the world. Criminal justice provides an interdisciplinary and experiential education in the causes and consequences of crime and responses to the criminal justice system. The combined major explores the historical, practical, and theoretical relationships between the two disciplines. In addition to considering significant points of intersection, students examine how insights from Africana studies can be brought to bear on the critical and systematic analysis of the cultural, political, social, economic, and historical experiences of the African diaspora in relation to criminal justice systems across the globe.

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/>).

BA Language Requirements

All BA students are required to complete the BA degree language requirements, for a total of 12 semester hours of language study or demonstrated equivalent proficiency, as described in Additional Requirements for BA students (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/ba-requirements/>). Successful demonstration of proficiency does not reduce total minimum semester hours of study required to earn the BA degree.

NUpath Requirements

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

Africana Studies Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course		
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	4
Approaches to the Field		
Complete two of the following:		8
AFCS 1225	Gender, Race, and Medicine	
AFCS 1270	Introduction to Global Health	
AFCS 2270	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality	
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies	
AFCS 2600	Issues in Race, Science, and Technology	
AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice	
AFCS 3305	Beyond the Binary: Race, Sex, and Science	
AFCS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
AFCS 5001	Special Topics in Race and the Law	
AFCS 5544	Seminar in Black Leadership	
Exploring Intellectual Traditions and Cultural Production		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1113	Black Popular Culture	
AFCS 2296	Early African-American Literature	
AFCS 2455	American Women Writers	
AFCS 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
AFCS 2690	Boston in Literature	
AFCS 3404	African American Rhetorical Traditions	
AFCS 3664	Black Poetry and the Spoken Word	
AFCS 3900	Gender and Black World Literatures	
Understanding Society and Social Movements		
Complete three of the following:		12
AFCS 1261	Global Caribbean	

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AFCS 2318	New England Stories: Storytelling and the African American Experience
AFCS 2325	Black Feminist Studies
AFCS 2330	Afro-Latin American Studies
AFCS 2337	African American History Before 1900
AFCS 2355	Race, Identity, Social Change, and Empowerment
AFCS 2380	Black Families and Incarceration
AFCS 2390	Africa and the World in Early Times
AFCS 2410	Possession, Sacrifice, and Divination in African Diasporic Religions
AFCS 2900	Swahili, Culture, and Politics in Kenya
AFCS 3424	Epidemiology of Pandemic Diseases and Health Disparities in the African Diaspora
AFCS 4526	Afro-Asian Relations in the Americas
AFCS 4939	Community Health, Culture, and Development in Kenya

Elective

Complete one additional AFCS course at the 3000 level or above. 4

Criminal Justice Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to Crime, Law, and Justice System		
CRIM 1100	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4
CRIM 1110	Criminal Due Process	4
CRIM 1120	Criminology	4
CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
Criminal Justice Electives		
<i>Current Crime and Justice Issues</i>		
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	
<i>Understanding and Experiencing Criminal Justice Institutions and Systems</i>		
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 2350	Policing a Democratic Society	
CRIM 2370	Restorative Justice: Transforming the System	
CRIM 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
<i>Crime Problems</i>		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 3010	Criminal Violence	
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
CRIM 3050	Organized 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		
CRIM 3110	Gender, Crime, and Justice	4
Creating Knowledge about Crime and Justice		
CRIM 3700	Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice	4
Additional Criminal Justice Elective		

Complete one additional CRIM course in the following range: 4
 CRIM 3001- CRIM 5999

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction to College		
CRIM 1000 or INSH 1000	Criminal Justice at Northeastern Social Sciences and Humanities at Northeastern	1
Co-op Preparation		
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
Integrative Course		
CRIM 3120 or AFCS 3120	Race, Crime, and Justice Race, Crime, and Justice	4
Capstone		
AFCS 4700 or CRIM 4949	Capstone Senior Capstone Seminar	4

Major Credit Requirement

88 hours required 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

Sample Plan of Study

FOUR YEARS, ONE CO-OP IN SPRING/SUMMER SESSION A

Year 1									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer Session A	Hours	Summer Session B	Hours		
CRIM 1000 or INSH 1000		1 AFCS course		4 NUpath or general elective		4 Vacation			
AFCS 1101		4 CRIM 1110		4 NUpath or general elective		4			
AFCS course		4 CRIM 1120		4					
CRIM 1100		4 CRIM elective: Current Crime and Justice Issues		4					
ENGW 1111		4							
		17			16			8	0
Year 2									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer Session A	Hours	Summer Session B	Hours		
AFCS course		4 AFCS course		4 Vacation		Vacation			
AFCS course		4 CRIM 3110		4					
CRIM 3600		4 CRIM 3120 or AFCS 3120		4					
CRIM elective: Understanding and Experiencing Criminal Justice Institutions and Systems		4 CRIM elective: Crime Problems		4					
		16			16			0	0
Year 3									
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer Session A	Hours	Summer Session B	Hours		
EESH 2000		1 Co-op		0 Co-op		0 NUpath or general elective		4	
AFCS course		4				NUpath or general elective		4	
AFCS course		4							
CRIM 3700		4							

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Digital skills course	4			
	17		0	0
Year 4				
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	
AFCS course	4	AFCS 4700 or CRIM 4949	4	
CRIM elective: CRIM 3001 - CRIM 5999	4	AFCS course	4	
ENGW 3308	4	NUpath or general elective	4	
NUpath or general elective	4	NUpath or general elective	4	
	16		16	

Total Hours: 130