

Economics and Criminal Justice, BS (Boston)

The combined degree in economics and criminal justice offers an interdisciplinary approach, integrating economic principles with the study of criminal justice. Students will explore how economic factors influence crime and have an opportunity to master tools for evaluating criminal justice policies and understand the connections between economic processes and criminal justice systems. Successful graduates with this degree will be prepared for diverse careers in economics, criminal justice, financial crime investigations, and public policy.

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/>).

Economics Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Core Courses | | |
| ECON 1115 | Principles of Macroeconomics | 4 |
| ECON 1116 | Principles of Microeconomics | 4 |
| ECON 2315 | Macroeconomic Theory | 4 |
| ECON 2316 | Microeconomic Theory | 4 |
| ECON 2560 | Applied Econometrics | 4 |
| Electives | | |
| Complete four ECON courses from the following ranges with no more than one at the ECON 1200–1999 range (the course used to satisfy the integrative course requirement may not be used as an economics elective): | | 16 |
| ECON 1200–ECON 1999 | | |
| ECON 2990–ECON 3559 | | |
| ECON 3561–ECON 4689 | | |
| ECON 4900–ECON 4996 | | |
| ECON 5200–ECON 5999 | | |

Criminal Justice Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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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 Criminal Justice Issues | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| CRIM 1300 | The Death Penalty | |
| CRIM 1400 | Human Trafficking | |
| CRIM 1700 | Crime, Media, and Politics | |
| Criminal Justice Institutions | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| CRIM 2310 | Courts: The Third Branch of Government | |
| CRIM 2330 | Punishment in the Age of Mass Incarceration | |
| CRIM 2340 | Corporate Security: Securing the Private Sector | |

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| CRIM 2350 | Policing a Democratic Society |
| CRIM 2370 | Restorative Justice: Transforming the System |
| CRIM 2380 | Black Families and Incarceration |

Crime Problems

Complete one of the following: 4

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| AFCS 3210 | Black Abolition Studies: Carcerality, Liberation, and Resistance |
| 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 |

Research Methods 4

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| CRIM 3600 | Criminal Justice Research Methods |
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Systemic Issues

Complete one of the following: 4

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

Additional Criminal Justice Electives

Complete one course in the CRIM 3001–5999 range not used to fulfill other requirements of this program. 4

Supporting Courses

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| COOP 3945 | Co-op Work Experience | 0 |
| CRIM 1000 or ECON 1000 | Criminal Justice at Northeastern Economics at Northeastern | 1 |
| EESH 2000 | Professional Development for Co-op | 1 |

Calculus

Complete one of the following (it is highly recommended that students who take MATH 1231 take sections devoted to economics students only): 4

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| MATH 1231 | Calculus for Business and Economics |
| MATH 1241 | Calculus 1 |
| MATH 1245 | Calculus with Applications |
| MATH 1251 | Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1 |
| MATH 1340 | Intensive Calculus for Engineers |
| MATH 1341 | Calculus 1 for Science and Engineering |

Digital Skills

Complete one of the following: 4-5

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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 |
| MISM 2510 | Fundamentals of Information Analytics |

Data Analyses

Complete one of the following: 4

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| CRIM 3700 | Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice |
| ECON 2350 | Statistics for Economists |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Integrative Courses | | |
| CRIM 1500 or CRIM 5601 | Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability Financial Crimes | 4 |
| ECON 3424 or ECON 1240 | Law and Economics Economics of Crime | 4 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Capstone | | |
| Complete one of the following: | | 4 |
| CRIM 4949 | Senior Capstone Seminar | |
| ECON 4692 | Senior Economics Seminar | |
| ECON 4997 | Senior Economics Thesis | |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Writing Courses | | |
| ENGW 1111 | First-Year Writing | 4 |
| ENGW 3308 | Advanced Writing in the Social Sciences | 4 |

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Complete any remaining semester hours after major and NUpath courses to reach the minimum semester-hour program requirement. | | |

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| Experiential Learning | | |
| Complete one of the following options: | | 1-4 |
| <i>Option 1: Co-op</i> | | |
| Students may choose to complete one or multiple six-month co-op experiences during their course of study. Students must consult with their advisor. | | |
| <i>Option 2: Course Approved for NUpath Integrating Knowledge and Skills Through Experience</i> | | |
| Any course(s) designated with NUpath attribute EX, including courses used to fulfill other requirements of this program. | | |

Combined Major GPA/Credit Requirements

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| Grades in the following required ECON courses must average to a minimum of C (2.000): | | |
| ECON 2315 | Macroeconomic Theory | |
| ECON 2316 | Microeconomic Theory | |
| ECON 2560 | Applied Econometrics | |

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 Plans of Study

FOUR YEARS, ONE CO-OP IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST-HALF

| Year 1 | | | | | | | |
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| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| CRIM 1000 or ECON 1000 | | 1 CRIM 1110 | | 4 ENGW 1111 | | 4 Vacation | |
| CRIM 1100 | 4 | CRIM 1120 | 4 | ECON elective | 4 | | |
| ECON 1115 | 4 | ECON 2315 | 4 | | | | |
| ECON 1116 | 4 | CS 1100 and CS 1101 | 5 | | | | |

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| MATH 1231 | 4 | | | | | | | |
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| Year 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| EESH 2000 | | 1 Co-op | | | 0 Co-op | | 0 Vacation | |
| CRIM 3600 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| ECON 2316 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| ECON 2560 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| CRIM elective | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | 17 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 0 |
| Year 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| ECON 2350 | | 4 CRIM elective | | | 4 CRIM elective | | 4 Vacation | |
| ECON elective | 4 | Open elective | | | 4 ECON elective | | 4 | |
| CRIM elective | 4 | ENGW 3308 | | | 4 | | | |
| Open elective | 4 | CRIM elective | | | 4 | | | |
| | 16 | | | 16 | | 8 | | 0 |
| Year 4 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | | | | |
| ECON 3424 | | 4 Capstone | | | 4 | | | |
| ECON elective | 4 | CRIM elective | | | 4 | | | |
| CRIM elective | 4 | ECON elective | | | 4 | | | |
| Open elective | 4 | Open elective | | | 4 | | | |
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Total Hours: 131

FOUR YEARS, TWO CO-OPS IN SPRING/SUMMER FIRST-HALF

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| Year 1 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| CRIM 1000 or ECON 1000 | | 1 CRIM 1110 | | | 4 ENGW 1111 | | 4 Open elective | 4 |
| CRIM 1100 | 4 | CRIM 1120 | | | 4 ECON elective | | 4 CRIM elective | 4 |
| ECON 1115 | 4 | ECON 2315 | | | 4 | | | |
| ECON 1116 | 4 | CS 1100 and CS 1101 | | | 5 | | | |
| MATH 1231 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | 17 | | | 17 | | 8 | | 8 |
| Year 2 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| EESH 2000 | | 1 Co-op | | | 0 Co-op | | 0 ENGW 3308 | 4 |
| CRIM 3600 | 4 | | | | | | CRIM elective | 4 |
| ECON 2316 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| ECON 2560 | 4 | | | | | | | |
| CRIM elective | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | 17 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 8 |
| Year 3 | | | | | | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | | Hours | Summer 1 | Hours | Summer 2 | Hours |
| ECON 2350 | | 4 Co-op | | | 0 Co-op | | 0 CRIM elective | 4 |
| ECON elective | 4 | | | | | | ECON elective | 4 |
| CRIM elective | 4 | | | | | | | |
| Open elective | 4 | | | | | | | |
| | 16 | | | 0 | | 0 | | 8 |

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| Year 4 | | | |
| Fall | Hours | Spring | Hours |
| ECON 3424 | | 4 Capstone | 4 |
| ECON elective | | 4 CRIM elective | 4 |
| CRIM elective | | 4 ECON elective | 4 |
| Open elective | | 4 Open elective | 4 |
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| Total Hours: 131 | | | |