

# Criminal Justice and Political Science, BS

This combined major educates students in criminal justice and political science and in the interface between the two disciplines. The scope and sequence of political science courses provide students with a foundation in topics such as American government, comparative politics, international relations, and security and resilience. 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 (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/university-wide-requirements/>).

## NUPath Requirements

All undergraduate students are required to complete the NUPath Requirements (<http://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
<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	
<b>Crime Problems</b>		
The following courses provide students a deeper look at a range of crime problems.		
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 3540	Addiction and Recovery	

**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 or 5

CS 1100 Computer Science and Its Applications  
and CS 1101 and Lab for CS 1100

DS 2000 Programming with Data  
and DS 2001 and Data Science Programming Practicum ((Social Science Practicum section))

**Political Science Requirements**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Political Science Requirements</b>		
POLS 1150	American Government	4
POLS 1155	Comparative Politics	4
POLS 1160	International Relations	4
<b>Political Theory</b>		
Complete one of the following: 4		
POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	
POLS 2328	Modern Political Thought	
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 2332	Contemporary Political Thought	

**Research Methods and Electives**

Complete Option A, Option B, or Option C, below. *Note:* These options enable the student to take research methods courses (including statistics/quantitative techniques) as either CRIM courses or as POLS courses.

**OPTION A**

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Research Methods</i>		
CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
CRIM 3700	Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice	4
<i>Criminal Justice Electives</i>		
Complete two additional courses in the following range: 8		
CRIM 3001 to CRIM 5999		
<i>Political Science Electives</i>		
Complete five courses in the following range: 20		
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

**OPTION B**

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Research Methods</i>		
POLS 2399	Research Methods in Political Science	4
POLS 2400	Quantitative Techniques	4
<i>Criminal Justice Electives</i>		
Complete three additional courses in the following range: 12		
CRIM 3001 to CRIM 5999		
<i>Political Science Electives</i>		
Complete four courses in the following range: 20		
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

**OPTION C**

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Research Methods</i>		
Complete one of the following sequences:		8
CRIM 3600 and POLS 2400	Criminal Justice Research Methods and Quantitative Techniques	
CRIM 3700 and POLS 2399	Analyzing and Using Data on Crime and Justice and Research Methods in Political Science	
<i>Criminal Justice Electives</i>		
Complete two additional courses in the following range:		8
CRIM 3001 to CRIM 5999		
<i>Political Science Electives</i>		
Complete four courses in the following range:		20
POLS 2000 to POLS 5999		

**Political Science Concentrations (Optional)**

If you are working toward one of the following concentrations, declare it with your advisor so that it may be added to your record. Requirements for the concentrations are listed below (p. 4).

- American Political Institutions (p. 4)
- Campaigns and Elections (p. 4)
- Comparative Politics (p. 4)
- Identity, Culture, and Politics (p. 4)
- International Relations and Diplomacy (p. 5)
- Law and Legal Studies (p. 5)
- Public Policy (p. 5)
- Security Studies (p. 5)

**Integrative Requirement**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Senior Capstone Requirement</b>		
CRIM 4949 or POLS 4701	Senior Capstone Seminar Political Science Senior Capstone	4
<b>Due Process</b>		
CRIM 1110	Criminal Due Process	4
<b>Integrative Elective Courses</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	
CRIM 2310	Courts: The Third Branch of Government	
CRIM 4120	Courts and Sentencing	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law	
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties	

**Combined Major Credit Requirement**

Complete 84 semester 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 (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

**Program Requirement**

128 total semester hours required

**Political Science Concentrations (Optional)****CONCENTRATION IN AMERICAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS**

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 3300	The U.S. Congress	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	

**CONCENTRATION IN CAMPAIGNS AND ELECTIONS**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
POLS 3160	Campaign Strategy	4
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	4
<b>Campaigns and Elections Electives</b>		
If POLS 4947 was replaced by a co-op or internship, an additional elective must be taken.		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 2355	Intergovernmental Relations	
POLS 3310	Public Opinion, Voting, and Elections	
POLS 3320	Politics and Mass Media	
POLS 3304	Presidential Nominating Process	

**CONCENTRATION IN COMPARATIVE POLITICS**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Theoretical Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 2370	Religion and Politics	
POLS 3418	Nationalism	
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection	
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations	
<b>Regional Requirements</b>		
Complete two of the following:		8
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3465	Government and Politics in the Middle East	
POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	
<b>Experiential/Practicum Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4918	Model NATO	
POLS 4937	Dialogue of Civilizations: Government and Politics Abroad	

**CONCENTRATION IN IDENTITY, CULTURE, AND POLITICS**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Course</b>		
POLS 3418	Nationalism	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 2359	Immigration Politics	
POLS 2368	Music and Politics in America and Abroad	

POLS 2370	Religion and Politics
POLS 2375	Gender and Politics
POLS 3309	Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Issues in Public Policy
POLS 3324	Law and Society

**CONCENTRATION IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Experiential/Practicum Requirement</b>		
Complete one of the following:		4
POLS 4910	Model United Nations	
POLS 4915	Model Arab League	
POLS 4938	Dialogue of Civilizations: International Politics Abroad	
<b>Core Courses</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 3405	International Political Economy	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 3408	International Security	
POLS 3435	Politics and Governance of Europe and the European Union	
POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict	

**CONCENTRATION IN LAW AND LEGAL STUDIES**

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 2330	American Political Thought	
POLS 3300	The U.S. Congress	
POLS 3302	Judicial Process and Behavior	
POLS 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
or AFAM 3323	Race, Inequality, and the Law	
POLS 3324	Law and Society	
POLS 3406	International Law	
POLS 3409	Global Governance	
POLS 4500	U.S. Constitutional Law	
POLS 4505	U.S. Civil Liberties	

**CONCENTRATION IN PUBLIC POLICY**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core Requirement</b>		
POLS 3307	Public Policy and Administration	4
<b>Electives</b>		
Complete three of the following:		12
POLS 2340	Business and Government	
POLS 2345	Urban Policies and Politics	
POLS 2350	State and Local Politics	
POLS 2357	Growth and Decline of Cities and Suburbs	
POLS 2390	Science, Technology, and Public Policy	
POLS 2395	Environmental Politics and Policy	
POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy	

**CONCENTRATION IN SECURITY STUDIES**

Code	Title	Hours
Complete four of the following:		16
POLS 3408	International Security	
or POLS 5408	International Security	
POLS 3420	U.S. National Security Policy	
POLS 3423	Terrorism and Counterterrorism	

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POLS 3425	U.S. Foreign Policy
POLS 3430	Revolution, Civil War, and Insurrection
POLS 3470	Arab-Israeli Conflict
POLS 3487	Politics of Developing Nations