

Criminal Justice and Psychology, BS

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 (<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
Introduction to Crime, Law, and the Justice System		
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
Current Crime and Justice Issues		
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	
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 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	
Crime Problems		
The following courses offer students a deeper look at a range of crime problems.		
Complete one of the following:		4
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3050	Organized Crime	
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism	
CRIM 3070	Corporate and White-Collar Crime	
CRIM 3540	Addiction and Recovery	
Systemic Issues		

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

Criminal Justice Electives

Rounding out knowledge of crime and justice.

Complete two additional criminal justice electives from the 3000, 4000 or 5000-level.	8
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Psychology Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Course		
PSYC 1101	Foundations of Psychology	4
Mathematics		
Choose one of the following:		4
MATH 1215	Mathematical Thinking	
MATH 1231	Calculus for Business and Economics	
MATH 1241	Calculus 1	
Statistics		
Complete the following. Students who receive transfer credit for the Advanced Placement Statistics exam may complete the 1 SH PSYC 2315 course (requires department permission).		4-5
PSYC 2320	Statistics in Psychological Research	
Personality/Social Bases of Behavior		
Complete two of the following:		8
PSYC 3400	Personality	
PSYC 3402	Social Psychology	
PSYC 3404	Developmental Psychology	
PSYC 3406	Clinical Psychology and Mental Health	
Biological/Cognitive Bases of Behavior		
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	
Research Experience		
Complete one of the following:		4
PSYC 4600	Laboratory in Research Design	
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	

Electives

Complete two PSYC courses. 8

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	4

Criminal Justice and Psychology Combined Major Credit Requirement

Complete 92 semester hours in the major.

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

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 1000		1 PSYC 3450		4				
PSYC 1101		4						
		17			16			8
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Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
PSYC 2320		4 EESC 2000		1 PSYC Elective		4 Co-op		
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				
				4				
		16			17			8
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Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	
Co-op		CRIM 3040		4 Adv. Writing		4 Co-op		
		CRIM 3600		4 NU Path ER		4		
		PSYC 4612		4				
		CRIM Elective		4				
		0			16			8
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Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-op		Psychology Seminar		4				
		CJ System Wide Elective		4				
		CRIM Elective		4				

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Open Elective	4
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Total Hours: 130