

# English and Criminal Justice, BA

The Department of English and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice offer a combined major in English and criminal justice. Criminal justice courses provide a foundation for understanding individual and systemic aspects of criminology and criminal justice. English courses prepare students to analyze and interpret various representations of crime, criminality, the law, justice, and ethics in both literary and nonliterary texts as they study the diverse historical, cultural, and aesthetic contexts of English, American, and other Anglophone literatures; analyze writing practices and related media; and practice a variety of approaches to the study of language, rhetoric, writing, and literature.

## 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/>).

## 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 (<http://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 (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/university-academics/nupath/>).

## English Requirements

| Code                        | Title                               | Hours |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>Foundational Courses</b> |                                     |       |
| ENGL 1400                   | Introduction to Literary Studies    | 4     |
| ENGL 1160                   | Introduction to Rhetoric            | 4     |
| or ENGL 1410                | Introduction to Research on Writing |       |
| ENGL 1700                   | Global Literatures 1                | 4     |
| or ENGL 1701                | Global Literatures 2                |       |

## English Electives

Two of the courses chosen from the lists below must be at the 3000 or 4000 level.

| Code  | Title   | Hours |
|---|---|-------|
| <b>Diversity</b>  |   |       |
| Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below. |   | 4     |
| ENGL 2150   | Literature and Digital Diversity  |       |
| ENGL 2296   | Early African-American Literature   |       |
| ENGL 2450   | Postcolonial Literature   |       |
| ENGL 2455   | American Women Writers  |       |
| ENGL 2470   | Asian-American Literature   |       |
| ENGL 2760   | Writing in Global Contexts  |       |
| ENGL 3678   | Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity |       |
| ENGL 3685   | Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature   |       |

## Literary Periods

### Pre-19th Century Literature

|   |                                    |   |
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| Complete one course from the following: |                                    | 4 |
| ENGL 1600                               | Introduction to Shakespeare        |   |
| ENGL 2296                               | Early African-American Literature  |   |
| ENGL 3101                               | Early Literatures                  |   |
| ENGL 3120                               | 17th- and 18th-Century Literatures |   |

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| ENGL 3618                                | Milton  |   |
| ENGL 3678                                | Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity |   |
| or JWSS 3678                             | Bedrooms and Battlefields: Hebrew Bible and the Origins of Sex, Gender, and Ethnicity |   |
| <i>19th/20th/21st Century Literature</i> |   |   |
| Complete one of the following courses:   |   | 4 |
| <i>19th Century</i>                      |   |   |
| ENGL 2330                                | The American Renaissance  |   |
| ENGL 3140                                | 19th-Century Literatures  |   |
| ENGL 3190                                | Topics in 19th-Century American Literature  |   |
| ENGL 3619                                | Emerson and Thoreau   |   |
| ENGL 3720                                | 19th-Century Major Figure   |   |
| <i>20th/21st Century</i>                 |   |   |
| ENGL 2301                                | The Graphic Novel   |   |
| ENGL 2440                                | The Modern Bestseller   |   |
| ENGL 2600                                | Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)   |   |
| ENGL 3161                                | 20th- and 21st-Century Literatures  |   |
| ENGL 3685                                | Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature   |   |
| or JWSS 3685                             | Modern and Contemporary Jewish Literature   |   |
| ENGL 3730                                | 20th- and 21st-Century Major Figure   |   |
| <b>Theories and Methods</b>              |   |   |
| Complete one of the following:           |   | 4 |
| ENGL 1140                                | Grammar: The Architecture of English  |   |
| ENGL 1160                                | Introduction to Rhetoric  |   |
| ENGL 1410                                | Introduction to Research on Writing   |   |
| ENGL 2150                                | Literature and Digital Diversity  |   |
| ENGL 3325                                | Rhetoric of Law   |   |
| ENGL 3381                                | The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing   |   |
| ENGL 3400                                | Opening the Archive   |   |
| ENGL 3700                                | Narrative Medicine  |   |
| LING 1150                                | Introduction to Language and Linguistics  |   |
| LING 2350                                | Linguistic Analysis   |   |
| LING 3450                                | Syntax  |   |
| LING 3452                                | Semantics   |   |
| LING 3454                                | History of English  |   |
| LING 3456                                | Language and Gender   |   |
| LING 3458                                | Topics in Linguistics   |   |
| <b>Comparative Course</b>                |   |   |
| Complete one of the following courses:   |   | 4 |
| ENGL 1450                                | Reading and Writing in the Digital Age  |   |
| ENGL 1500                                | British Literature to 1800  |   |
| ENGL 1502                                | American Literature to 1865   |   |
| ENGL 2150                                | Literature and Digital Diversity  |   |
| ENGL 2420                                | Contemporary Poetry   |   |
| ENGL 2430                                | Contemporary Fiction  |   |
| ENGL 2455                                | American Women Writers  |   |
| ENGL 2470                                | Asian-American Literature   |   |
| ENGL 2510                                | Horror Fiction  |   |
| ENGL 2520                                | Science Fiction   |   |
| ENGL 2600                                | Irish Literary Culture (Abroad)   |   |
| ENGL 2620                                | What Is Nature?   |   |
| ENGL 2690                                | Boston in Literature  |   |
| ENGL 3487                                | Film and Text (Abroad)  |   |

**Writing**

Complete one of the following: 4

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| ENGL 2700 | Creative Writing                              |
| ENGL 2710 | Style and Editing                             |
| ENGL 2730 | Digital Writing                               |
| ENGL 2740 | Writing and Community Engagement              |
| ENGL 2760 | Writing in Global Contexts                    |
| ENGL 2770 | Writing to Heal                               |
| ENGL 2850 | Writing for Social Media: Theory and Practice |
| ENGL 3375 | Writing Boston                                |
| ENGL 3376 | Creative Nonfiction                           |
| ENGL 3377 | Poetry Workshop                               |
| ENGL 3378 | Fiction Workshop                              |
| ENGL 3380 | Writing Seminar                               |
| ENGL 3384 | The Writer's Marketplace                      |

### English Electives

Complete any two ENGL courses that have not already been used to fulfill another requirement. 8

## 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.

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| 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                |

### Crime Problems and Criminal Justice Institutions

The 2000-level courses in this list ask 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. The 3000-level courses in this list provide students a deeper look at a range of crime problems.

Complete one of the following: 4

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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 3010 | Criminal Violence                               |
| CRIM 3030 | Global Criminology                              |
| CRIM 3040 | Psychology of Crime                             |
| CRIM 3060 | Political Crime and Terrorism                   |
| CRIM 3070 | Corporate and White-Collar Crime                |
| CRIM 3540 | Addiction and Recovery                          |

### 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.

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

### 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

### Criminal Justice Electives

Rounding out knowledge of crime and justice.

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

## Other Requirements

| Code                             | Title  | Hours |
|----------------------------------|--|-------|
| <b>Introduction to College</b>   |  |       |
| Complete one of the following: 1 |  |       |
| CRIM 1000                        | Criminal Justice at Northeastern             | 1     |
| ENGL 1000                        | English at Northeastern                      | 1     |
| <b>Integrative Course</b>        |  |       |
| Complete one of the following: 4 |  |       |
| ENGL 3325                        | Rhetoric of Law                              |       |
| ENGL 3426                        | British and American Literature and Politics |       |
| <b>Capstone</b>                  |  |       |
| ENGL 4710                        | Capstone Seminar                             | 4     |
| or ENGL 4720                     | Capstone Project                             |       |
| or CRIM 4949                     | Senior Capstone Seminar                      |       |

## 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 Requirements

128 total semester hours required

## Plan of Study

### Sample Four Years, One Co-op Plan

| Year 1                                       |       |                                      |       |            |       |            |       |
|--|-------|--------------------------------------|-------|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| Fall   | Hours | Spring                               | Hours |            |       |            |       |
| CRIM 1000 or ENGL 1000                       |       | 1 ENGL 1160 or 1410                  | 4     |            |       |            |       |
| ENGW 1111                                    | 4     | CRIM 1110                            | 4     |            |       |            |       |
| CRIM 1100                                    | 4     | CRIM 1120                            | 4     |            |       |            |       |
| ENGL 1400                                    | 4     | Elective                             | 4     |            |       |            |       |
| Current crime and justice issues CRIM course | 4     |                                      |       |            |       |            |       |
|  |       | 17                                   | 16    |            |       |            |       |
| Year 2                                       |       |                                      |       |            |       |            |       |
| Fall   | Hours | Spring                               | Hours | Summer 1   | Hours | Summer 2   | Hours |
| Pre-19th-century ENGL                        |       | 4 19th-, 20th-, or 21st-century ENGL |       | 4 Elective |       | 4 Elective | 4     |
| Systems and institutions CRIM course         |       | 4 Crime problems elective            |       | 4          |       |            |       |
| ENGL theory/methods                          |       | 4 Elective                           |       | 4          |       |            |       |
| Elective                                     |       | 4 Elective                           |       | 4          |       |            |       |
|  |       | 16                                   | 16    | 4          | 4     |            |       |
| Year 3                                       |       |                                      |       |            |       |            |       |
| Fall   | Hours | Spring                               | Hours | Summer 1   | Hours | Summer 2   | Hours |
| CRIM 3600                                    |       | 4 Co-op                              |       | Co-op      |       | Elective   | 4     |

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| CRIM 3700                   | 4         |  |          | Elective | 4        |
| ENGL comparative literature | 4         |  |          |          |          |
| ENGL writing                | 4         |  |          |          |          |
|                             | <b>16</b> |  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>8</b> |

| <b>Year 4</b>                 |              |                             |              |  |  |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--|--|
| <b>Fall</b>                   | <b>Hours</b> | <b>Spring</b>               | <b>Hours</b> |  |  |
| Systemic issues CRIM elective | 4            | Solutions and reform course | 4            |  |  |
| ENGL elective                 | 4            | ENGL diversity              | 4            |  |  |
| ENGL elective                 | 4            | Capstone                    | 4            |  |  |
| Elective                      | 4            | Elective                    | 4            |  |  |
|                               | <b>16</b>    |                             | <b>16</b>    |  |  |

**Total Hours: 129**