Human Services and Criminal Justice, BS

Overview

A combined major in human services and criminal justice appeals to students interested in the intersection of social and legal issues and institutions. The human services major prepares students for careers in social change by providing students with the theoretical and skill-based background necessary for practice and research. Students with criminal justice course work gain a rigorous interdisciplinary and experiential education in the causes and consequences of crime and the responses of criminal justice. The addition of human services course work complements a criminal justice perspective and considers the role of social services and community-based organizations to prevent, intervene, and treat the causes and consequences of crime. The degree allows students to combine interests in the justice system, political advocacy, and community development. Students engage in an integrated educational program that emphasizes experiential approaches to learning through service-learning, co-op, and internship opportunities.

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/).

Human Services Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Human Services Courses		
HUSV 1101	Social Change and Human Services	4
HUSV 2300	Counseling in Human Services	4
HUSV 3570	The Nonprofit Sector, Philanthropy, and Social Change	4
HUSV 3900	Social Policy	4
Human Services Internship		
HUSV 4994	Human Services Internship	6
Human Services Electives		
Complete four additional HUSV courses.		16

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
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	
CRIM 2370	Restorative Justice: Transforming the System	

Crime Problems

The following courses offer 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 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism	
CRIM 3070	Corporate and White-Collar Crime	

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.

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	

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. One must be from the 3000, 4000 or 5000-level.		8

Additional Courses

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 1000	Criminal Justice at Northeastern	1
or HUSV 1000	Human Services at Northeastern	
Research Methods		
CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
or HUSV 2970	Research Methods for Human Services	
Cooperative Education		
Students going on co-op should take:		
EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	1
Students returning from co-op should take:		
CRIM 3000	Co-op Integration Seminar 2	1
CRIM 4000	Co-op Integration Seminar 3	1
Additional Elective		
Complete one additional course in either CRIM or HUSV.		4

Integrative Course

Code	Title	Hours
CRIM 4949	Senior Capstone Seminar	4
or HUSV 4700	Senior Seminar in Human Services	

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 Year, 2 Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall

Year 1

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1110	4	CRIM 1300, 1400, 1500, or 1700	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
ENGW 1111	4	CS 1100	4	Elective	4	Elective	4
HUSV 1000	1	HUSV 2300	4				
HUSV 1101	4	HSVC elective	4				
MATH 1215	4						
	17		**16**		**8**		**8**

Year 2

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
CRIM 1120	4	EESH 2000	1	CJ Elective	4	Co-op	0
CRIM 3600	4	CJ concentration elective	4	Elective	4		
HSVC intermediate/advanced undergraduate elective	4	CJ concentration elective	4				
Elective	4	Elective	4				
		Elective	4				
	16		**17**		**8**		**0**

Year 3

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours
Co-op	0	CRIM 3000	1	Elective	4	Co-op	0
		CRIM 3700	4	Elective	4		
		HUSV 3900	4				
		HSVC organization course	4				
		Elective	4				
	0		**17**		**8**		**0**

Year 4

Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours
Co-op	0	CRIM 4000	1
		CRIM 4949	4
		ENGW 3315	4
		CJ system-wide elective	4
		Elective	4
	0		**17**

Total Hours: 132