

Criminal Justice and Journalism, BS

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and School of Journalism offer a combined major in criminal justice and journalism. Criminology and criminal justice courses provide a foundation for understanding crime and our criminal justice system. Journalism courses provide students with the skills and experience needed to succeed as a journalist. Together, the combined major is designed to prepare students to report important stories about crime and justice.

Program Requirements

- Concentrations and course offerings may vary by campus and/or by program modality. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for the course availability each term at your campus or within your program modality.
- Certain options within the program may be *required* at certain campuses or for certain program modalities. Please consult with your advisor or admissions coach for requirements at your campus or for your program modality.

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/>).

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	
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 with a deeper look at a range of crime problems.		
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	
CRIM 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
CRIM 3010	Criminal Violence	

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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	Addiction and Recovery

Systemic Issues

These courses consider 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

Creating Knowledge about Crime and Justice

How do we know what we know about crime and justice—and how do we develop new knowledge? These courses study harnessing data to learn about issues, identify solutions, and advocate for change.

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

Solutions and Reform

How do we reinvent criminal justice institutions and their practice? The capstone experience is project-based and solution-oriented, drawing on knowledge gained in the classroom and through co-op and other experiences.

CRIM 4949	Senior Capstone Seminar	4
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Criminal Justice Elective

These courses round out our knowledge of crime and justice.

Complete one additional criminal justice elective from the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level. 4

Journalism Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Introductory Journalism Course		
JRNL 1150	Understanding Today's News	4
Journalism Foundation Courses		
A grade of C or better is required.		
JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102	Journalism 1: Fundamentals of Reporting and Writing and Journalist's Toolbox	5
JRNL 2201	Journalism 2: Intermediate Reporting	4
JRNL 2301	Visual Storytelling in Journalism	4
JRNL 3610	Digital Storytelling and Social Media	4
Ethics		
JRNL 4650	Ethics and Diversity in the News Media	4

Journalism Electives

Code	Title	Hours
Complete three additional journalism courses.		12

Supporting Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Introduction		
CRIM 1000 or JRNL 1000	Criminal Justice at Northeastern Journalism at Northeastern	1
Computer or Data Science		
Complete one of the following:		4
CS 1100	Computer Science and Its Applications	
DS 2000 and DS 2001	Programming with Data and Data Science Programming Practicum	
JRNL 3700	Data Storytelling	

Co-op Integration Requirements

Complete before the first co-op:

EESH 2000 or EEAM 2000	Professional Development for Co-op Professional Development for Co-op
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Complete after a criminal justice co-op:

CRIM 3000	Co-op Integration Seminar 2
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Integrative Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
JRNL 3550	The First Amendment and the Media	4
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	4

Program Requirement

129 total semester hours required

Plan of Study

Four Years, Two Co-ops

Spring/Summer 1

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 1000 or JRNL 1000		1 JRNL 1101 and JRNL 1102		5 Elective		4 Elective		4
CRIM 1100		4 Criminology thematic elective		4 Elective		4 Elective		4
ENGW 1111		4 Computer or data requirement		4				
JRNL 1150		4 Elective		4				
Elective		4						
		17		17		8		8

Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 1110		4 Co-op		Co-op		Criminology survey elective		4
CRIM 1120		4				Elective		4
EESH 2000 or EEAM 2000		1						
JRNL 2201		4						
Journalism elective 1		4						
		17		0		0		8

Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 1700		4 Co-op		Co-op		Elective		4
CRIM 3000		1				Elective		4
CRIM 3600		4						
JRNL 2301		4						
Journalism elective 2		4						
		17		0		0		8

Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 3700		4 CRIM 4949		4				
JRNL 3550		4 JRNL 4650		4				
JRNL 3610		4 Criminology elective		4				
Criminology systemwide elective		4 Journalism elective 3		4				
		16		16				

Total Hours: 132