

Criminal Justice and Philosophy, BS

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and the Department of Philosophy and Religion offer a combined major in criminal justice and philosophy. This combined major educates students in criminal justice and philosophy and in the interface between the two disciplines. The scope and sequence of philosophy courses provide students with a foundation in topics such as social and political philosophy, philosophy of law, and moral philosophy, while also offering students an opportunity to develop robust analytical and evaluative skills. Criminal justice courses provide a foundation for understanding individual and systemic aspects of criminology and criminal justice. Students completing this program should have depth of knowledge with respect to analyzing and addressing criminal behavior, as well as with respect to the philosophical and ethical aspects of topics such as law, punishment, justice, and social institutions.

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 1500	Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability	
CRIM 1700	Crime, Media, and Politics	
Crime Problems and Criminal Justice Institutions		
The 2000-level courses below ask how justice works and for whom and introduce students to the systems and institutions tasked with providing justice. Each one includes experiential learning components in cooperation with local criminal justice institutions. The 3000-level courses below offer students 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	

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CRIM 2380	Black Families and Incarceration	
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 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 how to harness 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

Co-op Integration Seminars

Co-op students should complete the seminars below. Non-co-op students should complete a 4-semester-hour CRIM elective.

Complete two of the following. EESH 2000 and CRIM 3000 are required for the first co-op. CRIM 4000 is required if a second co-op is taken: 2-4

EESH 2000	Professional Development for Co-op	
CRIM 3000	Co-op Integration Seminar 2	
CRIM 4000	Co-op Integration Seminar 3	

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 CRIM elective from the 3000, 4000, or 5000 level. 4

Philosophy Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Required Courses		
PHIL 1115	Introduction to Logic	4
PHIL 2303	Social and Political Philosophy	4
PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325	Ancient Philosophy and Political Thought	4
PHIL 2330	Modern Philosophy	4
Advanced Philosophy Electives		
Complete two PHIL courses with a designation of 3000 or above, at least one of which is at the 4000 or 5000 level.		8
Critical Philosophy Elective		
Complete one of the following not used to fulfill other requirements:		4
AFCS 1101	Introduction to African American and Africana Studies	
PHIL 1104	Goddesses, Witches, Saints, and Sinners: Women and Religion	
PHIL 1271	Sex in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam	
PHIL 2155	Human Rights	
PHIL 2492	Indigenous Philosophy	
PHIL 2619	Race and Religion in Film	
PHIL 3500	Sexuality, Gender, and the Law	
PHIL 3822	Philosophy of Race and Racism	

Philosophy Electives

Complete one additional PHIL course not used to fulfill other requirements. 4

Integrative Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
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One integrative course is required for each discipline. Courses taken as electives above may not be used as integrative courses.

Philosophy Integrative Course

PHIL 2301	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	4
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Criminal Justice Integrative Course

CRIM 1400	Human Trafficking	4
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Criminal Justice and Philosophy Major Credit Requirement

Complete 88 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 (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/undergraduate/social-sciences-humanities/#ela>).

Program Requirement

128 total semester hours required

Plan of Study**Sample Plan of Study: Four Years, Two Co-ops in Summer 2/Fall**

Year 1								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 1100	4	CRIM 1110	4	Elective	4	Elective	4	4
ENGW 1111	4	CRIM 1120	4	Elective	4	Elective	4	4
PHIL 1000	1	PHIL 2303	4					
PHIL 1115	4	PHIL 2325 or POLS 2325	4					
CRIM thematic elective	4							
	17		16		8		8	8
Year 2								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
CRIM 3600	4	CRIM thematic elective	4	Elective	4	Co-op	4	0
EESH 2000	1	CRIM elective	4	Elective	4		4	
PHIL 2330	4	PHIL 2303	4					
CRIM survey elective	4	PHIL 2301	4					
Critical philosophy elective	4							
	17		16		8		0	0
Year 3								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer 1	Hours	Summer 2	Hours	Hours
Co-op	0	CRIM 3000	1	Vacation	1	Co-op	0	0
		CRIM 3700	4			ENGW 3309	4	4
		CRIM systemwide elective	4					
		PHIL 3000, 4000, or 5000 Elective	4					
		PHIL Elective	4					
	0		17		0		4	4
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
Co-op	0	CRIM 1400	4					
		CRIM 4000	1					
		CRIM 4949	4					
		PHIL 4000 or 5000 elective	4					

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Elective

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Total Hours: 128