

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

- 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/>).

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

English Requirements

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

English Electives

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

Code	Title	Hours
Diversity		
Complete one course from the following. You may reuse this course to fulfill an additional English requirement below:		4
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-1850*

Complete one course from the following: 4

ENGL 1500	British Literature to 1800
ENGL 1502	American Literature to 1865
ENGL 1600	Introduction to Shakespeare
ENGL 2296	Early African-American Literature
ENGL 2330	The American Renaissance
ENGL 3101	Early Literatures
ENGL 3120	17th- and 18th-Century Literatures
ENGL 3160	Topics in 17th- and 18th-Century British Literatures
ENGL 3619	Emerson and Thoreau
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
ENGL 4010	Topics in Shakespeare

Post-1850

Complete one of the following courses: 4

ENGL 2301	The Graphic Novel
ENGL 2420	Contemporary Poetry
ENGL 2430	Contemporary Fiction
ENGL 2440	The Modern Bestseller
ENGL 2450	Postcolonial Literature
ENGL 2451	Postcolonial Women Writers
ENGL 2455	American Women Writers
ENGL 2470	Asian-American Literature
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

Theories and Methods

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 1450	Reading and Writing in the Digital Age
ENGL 2510	Horror Fiction
ENGL 2520	Science Fiction
ENGL 2620	What Is Nature?
ENGL 2690	Boston in Literature
ENGL 3070	Literary Genres
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law
ENGL 3381	The Practice and Theory of Teaching Writing
ENGL 3400	Opening the Archive
ENGL 3487	Film and Text (Abroad)
ENGL 3700	Narrative Medicine
ENGL 4100	Topics in Literary Criticism (reactivating for Fall 24)
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	
Major Seminar		
ENGL 3710	Major Seminar	4
Writing		
Complete one of the following:		4
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
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.		
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	
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
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	
CRIM 3030	Global Criminology	
CRIM 3060	Political Crime and Terrorism	
CRIM 3040	Psychology of Crime	
CRIM 3050	Organized Crime	

CRIM 3100	Criminal Law	
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.

CRIM 3600	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4
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
Introduction to College		
Complete one of the following:		1
CRIM 1000	Criminal Justice at Northeastern	1
ENGL 1000	English at Northeastern	1
Integrative Course		
Complete the following course:		4
ENGL 3325	Rhetoric of Law	
Capstone		
ENGL 4710	Capstone Seminar	4
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 (<https://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-1850 ENGL		4 Post-1850 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
CRIM 3700	4					Elective		4
ENGL writing	4							
ENGL 3710	4							
	16		0			0		8
Year 4								
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours					
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					
	16		16					

Total Hours: 129