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The College of Criminal Justice was established in 1967 as one of the first schools of its kind devoted to matters of crime and justice. Since its founding, the college has become a leading force in education, research, and policymaking in both the public and private sectors of the criminal justice field.

The College of Criminal Justice prepares students for professional and research careers in criminal justice, criminology, and related fields by applying multidisciplinary and comparative social science to understand, predict, and explain crime and contribute to the development of public policy. Using an active learning approach, the college seeks to develop its students intellectually and ethically, while providing them with a keen appreciation of the complexities of crime, and of the public and private efforts to make communities safer and ensure justice.

The world of criminal justice is much more than the police officer, corrections official, criminal defense lawyer, or security and loss prevention personnel. At the College of Criminal Justice, the boundaries of criminal justice have expanded beyond traditional views of the field. Criminal justice education today is about more than the criminal; it involves understanding the victim and the community: repairing harm, reducing fear, rebuilding safe communities, and assuring justice in spirit and act.

The College of Criminal Justice has had a long-standing attachment and commitment to improving justice system agencies, including private security. The college actively engages external partners in an ongoing conversation about research, community service, and salient policy questions. Part of this dialogue is supported by an ongoing program of applied and social science research. Much of this research focuses on evaluating existing government crime-control programs and policies to determine whether they work, as well as inquiries about the etiology and prevention of crime. In addition, much of our research examines the unintended consequences of policy: institutionalized racism, exclusion of certain groups, and so forth. In every case, the research conducted at Northeastern is approached with ethical sensitivity and scientific rigor.

Criminal justice and criminology, as social sciences, began in the early part of the twentieth century. Nearly one hundred years old, the criminal justice field has blossomed in large part through the ingenuity of several notable scholars. The College of Criminal Justice is pleased to be home to many of the country's preeminent contemporary scholars. The CCJ faculty regularly present at scholarly conferences, national and international seminars, and to policymakers worldwide. See pages 307–311 for course descriptions.

Academic Progression Standards

Students are required to maintain the following overall grade-point average and minimum earned semester hours to advance to the next class standing and to graduate.

	Minimum GPA	Minimum Semester Hours to Advance
Sophomore	1.800	28
Middler	2.000	52
Junior	2.000	80
Senior	2.000	96
To graduate	2.000	132

Graduation Requirements

Degree candidates must complete all prescribed work, a total of 132 semester hours of credit. Students are also urged to meet the requirements of the Department of Cooperative Education.

Transfer Credit

A student transferring from another college or university must be in residence at Northeastern at least 32 of the final 40 semester hours to receive a degree.

BS in Criminal Justice

ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

Complete the following course:

ENG U111	College Writing	4 SH
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and one approved Advanced Writing in the Disciplines course for the major. A grade of C or higher is required in both courses.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Liberal Arts Core Requirements

Complete the following four courses:

CS U101	Computer Science and Its Applications	4 SH
MTH U115	Applications of Algebra	4 SH
PSY U101	Foundations of Psychology	4 SH
SOC U101	Introduction to Sociology	4 SH

Social Science

Complete one course from the following list:

ECN U101	Economic Problems and Perspectives	4 SH
ECN U114	Economics for Technology	4 SH
ECN U115	Principles of Macroeconomics	4 SH
ECN U116	Principles of Microeconomics	4 SH
ED U111	Education in the Community	4 SH
HS U101	Human Services Professions	4 SH
HST U103	Women's Studies	4 SH
HST U110	Introduction to World History	4 SH
HST U115	World History Education	1 SH
HST U120	Introduction to Public History	4 SH
HST U130	Introduction to American History	4 SH
HST U140	Introduction to African-American History	4 SH
HST U150	East Asian Studies	4 SH
HST U170	Introduction to European History	4 SH

HST U180	African History	4 SH
HST U185	Introduction to Middle Eastern History	4 SH
IAF U101	Globalization and International Affairs	4 SH
POL U150	American Government	4 SH
POL U155	Comparative Politics	4 SH
POL U160	International Relations	4 SH
SOA U101	Peoples and Cultures	4 SH

Science

Complete one course from the following list:

BIO U101	Principles of Biology 1	4 SH
with BIO U102	Lab for BIO U101	1 SH
CHM U211	General Chemistry 1	4 SH
with CHM U212	Lab for CHM U211	1 SH
CS U211	Fundamentals of Computer Science 1	4 SH
ENV U115	Environmental Science	4 SH
GEO U102	Marine Resources	4 SH
GEO U104	Physical Oceanography	4 SH
GEO U106	Biological Oceanography	4 SH
GEO U108	New England Fisheries Resources	4 SH
GEO U110	Geology of Oceans and Coasts	4 SH
GEO U112	Environmental Geology	4 SH
GEO U114	Natural Disasters and Catastrophes	4 SH
GEO U115	Environmental Science	4 SH
GEO U116	Global Climate Change	4 SH
GEO U118	Planetary Astronomy	4 SH
GEO U120	Weather and Climate	4 SH
GEO U122	Age of Dinosaurs	4 SH
MTH U131	Calculus for Business and Economics	4 SH
MTH U141	Calculus 1	4 SH
MTH U151	Calculus and Differential Equations for Biology 1	4 SH
PHY U111	Astronomy	4 SH
PHY U121	Introduction to Science	4 SH
PHY U132	Energy, Environment, and Society	4 SH
PHY U141	General Physics	4 SH

Humanities

Complete one course from the following list:

ARC U111	History of World Architecture 1	4 SH
AFR U101	African-American Studies	4 SH
AFR U104	Survey of African-American Music	4 SH
AFR U109	Foundations of Black Culture 1	4 SH
AFR U112	Jazz	4 SH
AFR U128	Music of Africa	4 SH
AFR U131	Music of Latin America and the Caribbean	4 SH
AFR U140	Introduction to African-American History	4 SH
AFR U180	African History	4 SH
AFR U185	Gender in the African Diaspora	4 SH
ART U101	History of Art before 1400	4 SH
ART U103	History of Art since 1400	4 SH
ART U106	Introduction to Art	4 SH
ASL U101	Elementary ASL 1	4 SH
CIN U113	Film Music	4 SH
CIN U120	Exploring the Humanities through Film	4 SH
CIN U150	Film Analysis	4 SH
CMN U101	Introduction to Communication Studies	4 SH

CMN U112	Public Speaking	4 SH
ENG U150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	4 SH
ENG U165	Poetry	4 SH
ENG U166	Fiction	4 SH
ENG U167	Drama	4 SH
INT U103	Women's Studies	4 SH
INT U120	Exploring Humanities through Film	4 SH
INT U150	East Asian Studies	4 SH
JRN U101	Journalism 1	4 SH
JRN U150	Interpreting the Day's News	4 SH
LIN U150	Introduction to Language and Linguistics	4 SH
MUS U101	Introduction to Music	4 SH
PHL U101	Introduction to Philosophy	4 SH
PHL U110	Introduction to Religion	4 SH
PHL U114	Critical Reasoning	4 SH
PHL U115	Introduction to Logic	4 SH
PHL U130	Ethics: East and West	4 SH
PHL U135	Philosophical Problems of Law and Justice	4 SH
PHL U137	Philosophical Problems of War and Peace	4 SH
PHL U140	Social and Political Philosophy	4 SH
PHL U145	Technology and Human Values	4 SH
PHL U150	Understanding the Bible	4 SH
PHL U160	Philosophical Problems of Economic Justice	4 SH
PHL U165	Moral and Social Problems in Health Care	4 SH
PHL U170	Business Ethics	4 SH
PHL U180	Environmental Ethics	4 SH
THE U101	Theatre Arts	4 SH

or any course from the following departments: LNA, LNC, LNE, LNF, LNG, LNH, LNI, LNJ, LNL, LNM, LNR, or LNS.

REQUIRED ELECTIVES OUTSIDE CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Complete 24 semester hours from departments outside criminal justice.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SEQUENCE REQUIREMENT

Complete three courses from the same department, two of which must be above the introductory level:

ECN, HST, POL, PSY, or SOC.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Criminal Justice Core Requirements

Complete the following five courses:

CJ U101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4 SH
CJ U110	Criminal Due Process	4 SH
CJ U120	Criminology	4 SH
CJ U380	Criminal Justice Research Methods	4 SH
CJ U382	Criminal Justice Statistics	4 SH

Diversity

Complete the following course:

CJ U102	Ethics, Values, and Diversity	4 SH
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTEGRATED LEARNING CORE

Introduction to College

Complete the following course:

CJ U100	College: An Introduction	1 SH
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Co-op Integration Seminar

Complete the following three courses (non-co-op students complete one additional criminal justice elective):

CJ U290	Co-op Integration Seminar 1	1 SH
CJ U390	Co-op Integration Seminar 2	1 SH
CJ U690	Co-op Integration Seminar 3	1 SH

Senior Capstone

Complete the following course:

CJ U799	Senior Capstone Seminar	4 SH
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CRIMINAL JUSTICE ELECTIVES

Concentration Electives

Complete two courses from the following list:

CJ U310	Criminal Law	4 SH
CJ U330	Corrections	4 SH
CJ U340	Security	4 SH
CJ U350	Policing	4 SH
CJ U360	Juvenile Justice	4 SH

System-Wide Electives

Complete one course from the following list:

CJ U500	Gender, Crime, and Justice	4 SH
CJ U502	Race, Crime, and Justice	4 SH
CJ U506	Criminal Justice Organization and Management	4 SH
CJ U508	Crime Prevention	4 SH

Criminal Justice Open Electives

Complete four courses from the following list:

CJ U400 to CJ U689		
CJ U900 to CJ U989		

CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR CREDIT REQUIREMENTS

Complete 60 semester hours in criminal justice.

Complete 72 semester hours outside criminal justice.

GENERAL ELECTIVES

Additional courses taken beyond college and major course requirements to satisfy graduation credit requirements.

COOPERATIVE EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY-WIDE REQUIREMENTS

132 total semester hours required

Minimum 2.000 GPA required

Minor in Criminal Justice

REQUIRED COURSE

Complete the following course:

CJ U101	Introduction to Criminal Justice	4 SH
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FOCUS

Complete either the administrative focus or the behavioral focus. Note that taking elective courses requires that the student have completed at least 56 semester hours toward the degree.

Administrative Focus

Complete

CJ U110 Criminal Due Process 4 SH

and three additional courses from the following list:

CJ U310 Criminal Law 4 SH

CJ U330 Corrections 4 SH

CJ U340 Security 4 SH

CJ U350 Policing 4 SH

CJ U360 Juvenile Justice 4 SH

CJ U500 Gender, Crime, and Justice 4 SH

CJ U502 Race, Crime, and Justice 4 SH

CJ U506 Criminal Justice Organization
and Management 4 SH

CJ U508 Crime Prevention 4 SH

CJ U512 Legal Philosophy 4 SH

CJ U515 Courts and Sentencing 4 SH

CJ U518 Law and Psychology 4 SH

CJ U522 Comparative Criminal Justice 4 SH

CJ U530 Community-Based Corrections 4 SH

CJ U535 Correctional Intervention 4 SH

CJ U540 Security Management, Supervision 4 SH

CJ U550 Police Strategy 4 SH

CJ U555 Forensic Science 4 SH

CJ U574 Organized Crime 4 SH

CJ U575 Political Crime and Terrorism 4 SH

CJ U576 Corporate and White-Collar Crime 4 SH

Behavioral Focus

Complete

CJ U120 Criminology 4 SH

and three additional courses from the following list:

CJ U330 Corrections 4 SH

CJ U360 Juvenile Justice 4 SH

CJ U500 Gender, Crime, and Justice 4 SH

CJ U502 Race, Crime, and Justice 4 SH

CJ U508 Crime Prevention 4 SH

CJ U518 Law and Psychology 4 SH

CJ U520 Communities and Crime 4 SH

CJ U522 Comparative Criminal Justice 4 SH

CJ U525 Psychology of Crime 4 SH

CJ U530 Community-Based Corrections 4 SH

CJ U535 Correctional Intervention 4 SH

CJ U555 Forensic Science 4 SH

CJ U570 Criminal Violence 4 SH

CJ U572 Youth Gangs 4 SH

CJ U574 Organized Crime 4 SH

CJ U575 Political Crime and Terrorism 4 SH

CJ U576 Corporate and White-Collar Crime 4 SH

CJ U578 Victims of Crime 4 SH

GPA REQUIREMENT

2.000 GPA required in the minor