School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Graduate Programs

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To educate students for a life of fulfillment and accomplishment.
To create and translate knowledge to meet global and societal needs.

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Faculty

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Professors

Donna Bishop, PhD, State University of New York at Albany
Fields: Juvenile justice, youth policy, criminological theory

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The Lipman Family Professor of Criminal Justice
Fields: Homicide, youth violence, quantitative methods

Jack Greene, PhD, Michigan State University
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Peter K. Manning, PhD, Duke University
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Ineke Marshall, PhD, Bowling State Green University
Jointly appointed with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Fields: Comparative criminology, survey methodology, race and crime

Ramiro Martinez, Jr., PhD, The Ohio State University
Jointly appointed with the Department of Sociology and Anthropology
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Nikos Passas, PhD, University of Edinburgh
Fields: Terrorism, international and organized crime, white-collar crime, sociology of deviance

Nicole Rafter, PhD, State University of New York
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Distinguished Professor

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Amy Farrell, PhD, Northeastern University
Fields: Race and justice, sentencing, gender and justice, policing

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Fields: Punishment and social control, prisoner reentry, death penalty, sentencing

Ni He, PhD, University of Nebraska at Omaha
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Fields: Communities and crime, temporal and spatial aspects of violence, immigration and crime

Assistant Professors

Gia Barboza, PhD, Michigan State University
Jointly appointed with the Department of African-American Studies
Fields: Race and justice, community development, inequality and discrimination

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**Principal Research Scientist**
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The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University 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 within urban communities. Using an active learning approach, the School seeks to develop its students intellectually and ethically, while providing them with a keen appreciation for the complexities of crime and public and private efforts to make communities safer and to ensure justice. The School offers a Master of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice and a PhD degree in Criminology and Justice Policy.

Center for Criminal Justice Policy and Research

The mission of the Center for Criminal Justice Policy Research is to utilize strategic social science research methodologies in the endeavor to assist government agencies, educational institutions and members of the private sector with the development, enhancement, and implementation of contemporary criminal justice policies. Directed by Jack McDevitt, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities, the center provides agencies with data analysis and technical assistance in both policy and program evaluation areas in order to develop and promote the most effective criminal justice programs and policies.

The center is funded primarily from external research grants and contracts. Recent contracts have been awarded to the Center by the National Institute of Justice, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms, Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Office of Community Oriented Policing, the Boston Police Department, the Chelsea Police Department and The Boston Foundation.

The center has been involved in a wide variety of research projects, including:

- A study of workplace violence issues in Massachusetts communities
- A national evaluation of School Resource Officer programs
- Research on the impact of incarceration on crime in communities funded by the National Institute of Justice
- Research sponsored by the Bureau of Justice Statistics to understand and improve hate crime reporting across the United States
- Funded evaluations of offenders released from the Middlesex and Norfolk County Houses of Correction
- A national survey of the impact of sexual assault on Latina women
The Institute on Race and Justice

The Institute on Race and Justice brings together experts from Northeastern University’s School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, School of Law, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and Department of African American Studies to examine questions on race and justice facing urban communities. Through the leadership of the Community Advisory Board, the Institute works on projects toward the goal of conducting nationally recognized research and providing leadership on race and justice issues.

The mission of the Institute is to utilize strategic social science research methodologies to assist government agencies, educational institutions, and community stakeholders in the development of policy changes to advance the cause of social justice. The Institute was founded on the premise that academic institutions can work with communities to provide rigorous and objective information that can be used to influence policy changes that advance the cause of social justice. This research model attempts to enhance scientific inquiries with the input and experiences of community stakeholders who struggle with issues of racial injustice. The coupling of community practitioners and social scientists allows practitioners access to academic input while providing academics with more current and salient ideas about and data on issues in the field.

Staff from the Institute conduct a wide variety of research projects including:

• Analysis of the existence of racial profiling by law enforcement in the State of Rhode Island
• Analysis of challenges to identifying and prosecuting cases of human trafficking
• Analysis of barriers to identifying cases of human trafficking for labor
• Analysis of hate crimes against immigrants and Hispanics

The Doctor of Philosophy Degree

The doctoral program in Criminology and Justice Policy prepares students for academic careers as well as careers in research and policy development. The program is small and student-centered with the goal of graduating students for academic and policy placements. For full-time students it is expected that students entering the program with a bachelor’s degree will be able to complete the program in five to six years, and students entering with a master’s degree will be able to complete the program in four years.

In keeping with Northeastern’s long-standing, practice-oriented approach to education, the PhD in Criminology and Justice Policy includes two practicum courses. All students will be required to participate in a writing and publishing practicum that will further prepare students to engage with the scholarly writing process and successfully complete their dissertation research.
Admission to the PhD Program

The deadline for Fall admission is January 10. Each candidate for the PhD program is required to complete the College of Social Sciences and Humanities graduate application at www.northeastern.edu/cssh/graduate and submit the following supporting materials via the online system:

- Application fee
- A statement of the candidate’s current research interests or areas of interest in the field of Criminology and Justice Policy. This statement should outline these areas of interest, describe the candidate’s current understanding of the interest area, and identify ways the candidate would like to deepen her/his understanding of these issues
- Resume
- Three letters of reference
  (At least two of which must be from academic references)
- Unofficial transcripts from all undergraduate and graduate schools attended
- Scores from the Graduate Record Examination (GRE). Our GRE institutional code is 3682. (Please note GRE scores are only valid for five years)
- Writing sample
- International applicants must also submit TOEFL scores and translated transcripts

Sample program of study for Doctor of Philosophy

Students entering with a bachelors degree

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Spring Semester Year 3
CRIM 7706 Practicum in Writing and Publishing 2 sh
Two CRIM Elective Courses 6 sh
Total 8 sh

Summer Semester Year 3
Completion of second Qualifying Exam - Area Exam

Fall Semester Year 4
CRIM 8986 Research 0 sh

Spring Semester Year 4
CRIM 8986 Research 0 sh

Summer Semester Year 4
Completion of third Qualifying Exam - Proposal Defense

Fall Semester Year 5 and Spring Semester Year 5
CRIM 9990 Dissertation 0 sh

Total semester hours for program completion 50 sh

Successful completion of three qualifying exams and dissertation
Sample program of study for Doctor of Philosophy

*Students entering with a masters degree*

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PhD Candidacy

Doctoral students in the Criminology and Justice Policy program are advanced to candidacy upon successful completion of: (1) the required semester hours (32 for those entering the program with a masters degree and 50 for those entering with a bachelors degree), (2) the Foundations Qualifying Exam and the Area Qualifying Exam, (3) the Proposal Defense before the dissertation committee. Following the proposal defense, students are required to complete any required post-defense revisions and submit an electronic copy of the final approved dissertation proposal, along with the signed approval form, to the SCCJ Graduate Program Office. Candidacy is then certified, in writing, by the College.

The Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The Masters program is comprised of five required courses and two labs encompassing both substantive and technical skills. Additionally, students choose five elective graduate courses from offerings within the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. The course offerings afford students the flexibility to customize their own programs, which may include an Internship, Directed Study, or Master’s Thesis.

All candidates for the Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice degree must successfully complete a minimum of thirty-two semester hours of credit in course work. Full-time study allows for the completion of course work within an eighteen month period. To complete program requirements within this time-frame, full-time students must devote a substantial portion of their time outside of the classroom to academic study and enroll in summer coursework. Students who elect part-time study may carry a maximum of two courses per semester, one of which must be a core course. Close consultation with the Associate Dean for Academic Programs can help the part-time student determine a workable sequence of courses and the number of credits to be carried each semester. All degree requirements for both full- and part-time students must be completed within seven years from the date of enrollment.
Admission to the MS Program

Each candidate for the MS program is required to complete the College of Social Sciences and Humanities graduate application at www.northeastern.edu/cssh/graduate and submit the following supporting materials via the online system:

- Application fee
- A statement of the candidate’s reasons and personal goals in attending a Master’s program including areas of interest and career goals.
- Resume
- Three letters of reference
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Sample program of study for Master of Science Degree

18 Month model **thesis option**

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CRIM Elective Course 3 sh
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Total 9 sh

Total of 32 semester hours

Sample program of study for Master of Science Degree

18 Month model non-thesis option

Fall Semester Year 1
CRIM 7200 Criminology 3 sh
CRIM 7204 Research and Evaluation Methods 3 sh
CRIM 7205 Research and Evaluation Methods Lab 1 sh
CRIM Elective Course 3 sh
Total 10 sh

Spring Semester Year 1
CRIM 7202 Criminal Justice Process 3 sh
CRIM 7206 Statistical Analysis 3 sh
CRIM 7207 Statistical Analysis Lab 1 sh
CRIM Elective Course 3 sh
Total 10 sh

Summer Semester Year 1
CRIM 7500 Internship 1 or CRIM 7502 Internship 2 3 sh
OR
CRIM Elective Course
Total 3 sh

Fall Semester Year 2
CRIM 7400 Capstone 3 sh
Two CRIM Elective Courses 6 sh
Total 9 sh

Total of 32 semester hours
Satisfactory Academic Progress

Satisfactory progress means satisfying requirements in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities Graduate Programs General Regulations and in the regulations specified in the departmental booklet. The College sets minimum standards for all students to fulfill. Departments and programs may have additional requirements that exceed those of the College.

Each PhD student will have an annual review of his/her progress toward the degree.

Receipt of financial support administered by the Graduate Office is contingent on satisfactory academic progress toward the degree and on meeting department-specific guidelines. See the College of Social Sciences and Humanities Graduate Programs General Regulations for further details.

Financial Aid

Several types of financial assistance are available for graduate students in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice and in the University. The three types of assistance described below are awarded by the College based on academic achievement.

Stipended Graduate Assistantships provide a stipend, full tuition scholarship, and student health insurance. These are awarded to full-time doctoral students.

Should funding become available through faculty grants, or through one of our research centers, research assistantships may be awarded to qualified individuals. These assistantships require twenty hours of work per week and include a stipend, full tuition scholarship and student health insurance.

Faculty with grant funding can also hire graduate students on an hourly basis for research assistance.

College of Social Sciences and Humanities Dean’s Scholarships provide a tuition discount of a predetermined graduate CSSH semester hour of credit to masters-level students. Decisions on this type of merit-based financial aid are usually made at the same time admission decisions are determined.

This brochure must be used in conjunction with the Northeastern University’s Graduate Catalogue and the College of Social Sciences and Humanities Graduate Programs General Regulations as well as the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Policy and Procedures handbook available on our website.
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