

Criminal Justice

Criminal Justice Major

The criminal justice practitioner deals with the broad areas of law enforcement, courts, corrections, and social services. Professional positions may include federal law enforcement, municipal law enforcement, juvenile and adult probation, counseling and correctional work in institutions, victim advocacy programs, and halfway houses. Within these broad areas the practitioner enjoys exciting professional challenges and opportunities for serving society and helping people.

Examples of agencies that have employed NDSU graduates include: the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, local police departments, sheriff's departments, Border Patrol, juvenile courts, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, U.S. Secret Service, probation and parole departments, juvenile and adult correctional institutions, halfway houses, and crime and delinquency prevention programs.

The Criminal Justice curriculum is an interdisciplinary program drawing on the social sciences, behavioral sciences, humanities, computer sciences, and accounting. A total of 62 credits in criminal justice coursework is required for the major. A basic background in the social sciences, behavioral sciences, and civics is helpful.

Criminal Justice Minor

The minor in Criminal Justice provides an opportunity for students with majors in fields outside of the Criminal Justice program to gain valuable knowledge regarding criminological theory and the history, operation and effectiveness of various parts of the criminal and juvenile justice system.

Major Requirements

Major: Criminal Justice

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 122

Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Degree Requirements

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree – The completion of a minor program of study, a second major, or a second degree is required.

Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Degree – Second year language proficiency required.

General Education Requirements

First Year Experience (F):

UNIV 189	Skills For Academic Success (Students transferring in 24 or more credits do not need to take UNIV 189.)	1
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Communication (C):

ENGL 110	College Composition I	3
ENGL 120	College Composition II	3
One Course in Upper Level Writing. Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 320	Business and Professional Writing	
ENGL 321	Writing in the Technical Professions	
ENGL 358	Writing in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
ENGL 459	Researching and Writing Grants and Proposal	

COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
Quantitative Reasoning (R):		
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics	3
Science & Technology (S):		
A one-credit lab must be taken as a co-requisite with a general education science/technology course unless the course includes an embedded lab experience equivalent to a one-credit course. Select from current general education list.		10
Humanities & Fine Arts (A): Select from current general education list		
6		
Social & Behavioral Sciences (B):		
ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology	3
Wellness (W): Select from current general education list		
2		
Cultural Diversity (D):		
ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology	3
Global Perspectives (G): Select from current general education list		
40		
Total Credits		40

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences College Requirements

An additional 9 credits are required by the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences for all Bachelor of Science and Bachelor of Arts degree programs of study, except the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree, the Bachelor of Music degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree:

AH&SS College Requirements

Courses used to satisfy any general education requirement cannot be used to also count toward the AH&SS College Requirements. A minimum of three credits is required in each of the 3 following areas for a total of 9 credits. Choose only those courses with the prefixes listed for each area. A course with the WGS prefix can only be used in one area.

Area One: Humanities	3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS	
Area Two: Social Sciences	3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS	
Area Three: Fine Arts	3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA	
Total Credits	9

Major Requirements

General Education Requirements	40	
AHSS College Requirements	9	
Pre-Criminal Justice Requirements		
Complete 9 credit hours with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in the courses listed. Only one re-take of these 3 courses is allowed.		
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 230	Criminology and Criminal Law	3
Professional Major Requirements		
Professional courses require a minimum 3.0 GPA		

CJ 325 or POLS 325	Applied Research Methods	4
CJ 330 or POLS 431	Criminal Law and Procedure Constitutional Law-Criminal Justice	2-3
CJ 406	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 407	Deviant Behavior	3
CJ 460	Criminal Court System	3
CJ 461	Corrections	3
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 489	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	1
Additional Program Requirements:		
Psychology Courses: 12 credits required (PSYC 111 is the pre-requisite for these courses)		
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 211	Introduction To Behavior Modification	3
PSYC 212 or PSYC 380	Psychological Aspects of Drug Use and Abuse Clinical Psychology	3
PSYC 270	Abnormal Psychology	3
Accounting/Business Course:		
ACCT 102	Fundamentals of Accounting	3
Political Science Course:		
POLS 230	Judicial Process	3
Criminal Justice Elective: Select 3 credits from the following:		
CJ 225	Punishment and the Death Penalty	
CJ 226	Criminal Investigation	
CJ 310	Women and Policing	
CJ 354	Media, Crime and Justice in America	
CJ 379	Study Tour Abroad	
CJ 399	Special Topics	
CJ 494	Individual Study	
CJ 496	Field Experience	
Degree Requirements: Potential of 21 credits to reach 122		21
Total Credits		122-123

Degree Requirements and Notes

- Students should refer to www.ndsu.edu/cjps for information regarding application to professional program.
- To apply, a student must have completed a minimum of 45 credit hours and achieved a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all coursework, including transfer work.
- Students are allowed only one re-take of any pre-professional or upper level criminal justice core course.
- Once admitted to the professional Criminal Justice program, failure to maintain the minimum GPA of 3.00 in the core upper-level criminal justice courses will result in an academic warning issued from the department for the first violation. Students will receive notification of this warning at their NDSU email address. If the GPA falls below 3.00 for a second semester in professional-level core CJ courses, the student will be administratively removed from the criminal justice professional program.
- Internal and external transfer students will be handled similarly to students who commence their studies in the pre-professional program.

- Students who entered the University and/or declared criminal justice as their major prior to fall 2012 will be grandfathered into the program and will not be subject to these guidelines.
- These guidelines apply for all majors and minors of criminal justice.

Minor Requirements

Criminal Justice Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Required Courses

No more than one grade of 'C' is allowed in the CJ 201, CJ 210, or CJ 230 core courses.

CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 230	Criminology and Criminal Law	3
CJ 460	Criminal Court System	3
CJ 461	Corrections	3
Electives: Select 3 credits from the following:		3
CJ 225	Punishment and the Death Penalty	
CJ 226	Criminal Investigation	
CJ 310	Women and Policing	
CJ/POLS 325	Applied Research Methods *	
CJ 330	Criminal Law and Procedure	
CJ 354	Media, Crime and Justice in America	
CJ 379	Study Tour Abroad	
CJ 399	Special Topics	
CJ 406	Crime and Delinquency	
CJ 407	Deviant Behavior	
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	
CJ 489	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	
CJ 494	Individual Study	
CJ 496	Field Experience	
Total Credits		18

- * Students who do not complete a Research Methods course in their major program of study will be required to complete CJ 325 Applied Research Methods as part of their minor requirement.

Minor Requirements and Notes

- Students should refer to www.ndsu.edu/cjps for information regarding the application for minor.
- A minimum of 8 credits must be taken at NDSU.
- A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for all courses needed to complete the minor.
- To apply, a student must have completed a minimum of 45 credit hours and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all coursework including any transfer work.
- A student must average a 3.0 GPA or higher in these courses: (CJ 201 Introduction to Criminal Justice, CJ 210 Introduction to Policing, and CJ 230 Criminology and Criminal Law).
- Only one re-take of any minor course is allowed.
- Failure to maintain a minimum GPA of 3.00 in the minor courses for criminal justice will result in an academic warning issued from the

department for the first violation. Students will receive notification of this warning via their NDSU email address. If the GPA falls below 3.00 for a second semester in criminal justice minor courses, the student will be administratively removed from the program.