

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 and related 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: 120

General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degree

- A list of approved general education courses is available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2017-18/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).
- General education courses may be used to satisfy requirements for both general education and the major, minor, and program emphases, where applicable. Students should carefully review the major, minor, and program emphases requirements for minimum grade restrictions, should they apply.

Code	Title	Credits
Communication (C)		12
ENGL 110	College Composition I	
ENGL 120	College Composition II	
COMM 110	Fundamentals of Public Speaking	
Upper Division Writing [†]		
Quantitative Reasoning (R) [†]		3
Science and Technology (S) [†]		10
Humanities and Fine Arts (A) [†]		6
Social and Behavioral Sciences (B) [†]		6
Wellness (W) [†]		2
Cultural Diversity (D) ^{**†}		
Global Perspectives (G) ^{**†}		
Total Credits		39

* May be satisfied by completing courses in another General Education category.

† May be satisfied with courses required in the major. Review major requirements to determine if a specific upper division writing course is required.

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 at college level required.

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:

Code	Title	Credits
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

Code	Title	Credits
Pre-Criminal Justice Requirements		
Complete 3 of the 4 courses below with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher in those courses to apply for admission to the major. Completion of all 4 courses are required for graduation.		
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 230	Criminology	3
CJ 270	Introduction to Corrections	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	3
CJ 406	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 407	Deviant Behavior	3
CJ 460	Criminal Court System	3
CJ 461 or CJ 410	Corrections	3
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 489	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	1
Additional Program Requirements:		
ANTH 111	Introduction to Anthropology (May satisfy general education category B and D)	3
POLS 230	Judicial Process	3
PSYC 111	Introduction to Psychology (May satisfy general education category B)	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology (May satisfy general education category B)	3
STAT 330	Introductory Statistics (May satisfy general education category R)	3
Criminal Justice Elective: Select 3 additional CJ prefix credits.		3
Using CJ 494 or CJ 496 to fulfill these electives requires permission from the department chairperson.		
Total Credits		53

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 30 credit hours and achieved a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all coursework, including transfer work.
- Only one re-take per Criminal Justice (CJ) course is allowed.
- 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.
- These guidelines apply for all majors and minors of criminal justice.

Minor Requirements

Criminal Justice Minor

Minor Requirements

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 230	Criminology	3
CJ 270	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 300-400 Level	6 credits of CJ credits at the 300-400 level required. Using CJ 494 and CJ 496 to fulfill these electives requires permission from the department chairperson.	6
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 30 credit hours and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.75 in all coursework including any transfer work.
- To apply for the admission to the minor, a student must complete 3 of the 4 introductory courses (CJ 201, CJ 210, CJ 230, CJ 270) with an average GPA of 3.0 or higher. Completion of all 4 courses is required for graduation with a minor in CJ.
- Only one re-take per CJ 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.