

Criminal Justice

Department Information

- **Department Location:**
Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:**
701-231-8567
- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/cjps/
- **Degrees Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.
- **Official Program Curriculum:**
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Criminal Justice Major

Criminal justice practitioners deal 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, U.S. Border Patrol, juvenile courts, North Dakota 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.

Students who are interested in pursuing a master's degree may be eligible for the department's accelerated master's program. Through this program, students may complete both the bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and the Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice Administration in as little as five years.

The Criminal Justice curriculum is an interdisciplinary program drawing on the social sciences, behavioral sciences, humanities, computer sciences, and accounting. A total of 53 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. The criminal justice minor consists of 18 credits.

Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study and not an official curriculum. Actual student schedules for each semester will vary depending on start year, education goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize an individual plan of study.

| First Year | | | |
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| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| CJ 201 | 3 | CJ 230 | 3 |
| MATH 104 or 103 | 3 | CJ 210 or 270 | 3 |
| ENGL 110 | 4 | ENGL 120 | 3 |
| ANTH 111 (Cultural Diversity) | 3 | COMM 110 | 3 |
| PSYC 111 | 3 | SOC 110 | 3 |
| | 16 | | 15 |
| Second Year | | | |
| Fall | Credits | Spring | Credits |
| CJ 270 or 210 | 3 | CJ 325 or POLS 325 | 4 |
| POLS 230 | 3 | AHSS Requirement | 3 |

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| STAT 330 | 3 Humanities / Fine Arts Gen Ed | 3 |
| Science Gen Ed w/ Lab | 4 Science/Tech Gen Ed (Global Perspectives) | 3 |
| Minor | 3 Minor | 3 |
| | 16 | 16 |

Third Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
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| CJ 406 or 407 | 3 CJ 460 | 3 |
| CJ 330 or POLS 431 | 3 CJ 410 or 461 | 3 |
| ENGL 320 or 358 | 3 Science/Tech Gen Ed | 3 |
| Humanities / Fine Arts Gen Ed | 3 AHSS Requirement | 3 |
| Wellness Gen Ed | 2 Minor | 3 |
| | 14 | 15 |

Fourth Year

| Fall | Credits Spring | Credits |
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| CJ 465 | 3 CJ elective | 3 |
| CJ 407 or 406 | 3 CJ elective | 3 |
| CJ 489 | 1 Minor | 3 |
| Minor | 3 Minor | 3 |
| Minor | 3 Minor or 300-400 level elective | 3 |
| | 13 | 15 |

Total Credits: 120