

# Criminal Justice

## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/cjps/](http://www.ndsu.edu/cjps/)
- **Degrees Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
[bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/criminal-justice/#planofstudytex](http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/criminal-justice/#planofstudytex)

## Major Requirements

### Major: Criminal Justice

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

Required Degree Credits to Graduate: 120

### University Degree Requirements

1. Satisfactory completion of all requirements of the curriculum in which one is enrolled.
2. Earn a minimum total of 120 credits in approved coursework. Some academic programs exceed this minimum.
3. Satisfactory completion of the general education requirements as specific by the university.
4. A minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
5. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses number 300 or higher.
6. Transfer Students: Must earn a minimum of 60 credits from a baccalaureate-degree granting or professional institution.
  - a. Of these 60, at least 36 must be NDSU residence credits as defined in #7.
  - b. Within the 36 resident credits, a minimum of 15 must be in courses numbered 300 or higher and 15 credits in the major field of study.
7. At least 36 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Residence credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2018-19/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation>) section of this Bulletin.

### University General Education Requirements

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

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

† 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 major requirements to determine if specific courses can also satisfy these general education categories.

- A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://bulletin.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2018-19/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

## 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
<b>AH&amp;SS College Requirements</b>		
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.		
<b>Area One: Humanities</b>		3
ARB, ENGL, FREN, GERM, HIST, HUM, PHIL, RELS, SPAN, or WGS		
<b>Area Two: Social Sciences</b>		3
ANTH, CJ, COMM, EMGT, POLS, SOC, or WGS		
<b>Area Three: Fine Arts</b>		3
ARCH, ART, ENVD, LA, MUSC, or THEA		
Total Credits		9

### Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Pre-Criminal Justice Requirements</b>		
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
<b>Professional Major Requirements</b>		
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 Police & Society	3
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 489	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	1
<b>Additional Program Requirements:</b>		
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.**

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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](http://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
<b>Required Courses</b>		
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](http://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.