

# Criminal Justice

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## Department Information

- **Department Location:**  
Putnam Hall
- **Department Phone:**  
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- **Department Web Site:**  
[www.ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/](http://www.ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/)
- **Credential Offered:**  
B.S.; B.A.
- **Plan Of Study Sample:**  
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## Major Requirements

### Major: Criminal Justice

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

Minimum 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 specified 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 numbered 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 resident 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. Resident 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/2020-21/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		<b>39</b>

\* 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/2020-21/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, the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree, and the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Environmental Design:

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
CJ 201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJ 210	Introduction to Policing	3
CJ 230	Criminology	3
CJ 270	Introduction to Corrections	3
CJ 325	Applied Research Methods	3
or POLS 325	Applied Research Methods	
CJ 330	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CJ 406	Crime and Delinquency	3
CJ 407	Deviant Behavior	3
CJ 460	Criminal Court System	3
CJ 461	Corrections	3
or CJ 410	Police & Society	
CJ 465	Women and Minorities in Criminal Justice	3
CJ 489	Senior Capstone in Criminal Justice	1
<b>Criminal Justice Elective: Select 3 additional CJ prefix credits.</b>		3
Using CJ 494 or CJ 496 to fulfill these electives requires permission from the department chairperson.		
Additional requirements:		
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
Total Credits		46

## Degree Requirements and Notes

- To graduate with a Criminal Justice major, a student must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in CJ prefix courses and an overall cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Only one re-take per Criminal Justice (CJ) course is allowed.

## 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

- To graduate with Criminal Justice minor, a student must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 in CJ prefix courses and a cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- Only one re-take per CJ course is allowed.