

Criminal Justice

Department Information

- **Department Web Site:**
www.ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/ (<http://www.ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/>)
- **Credential Offered:**
B.S.; B.A.; Minor
- **Sample Program Guide:**
catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/criminal-justice/#planofstudytext (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/programs-study/undergraduate/criminal-justice/#planofstudytext>)

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 30 credits must be NDSU resident credits. Resident credits include credits registered and paid for at NDSU.
6. At least 36 credits presented for graduation must be in courses numbered 300 or higher.
7. Students presenting transfer credit must meet the NDSU residence credits and the minimum upper level credit. Of the 30 credits earned in residence, a minimum of 15 semester credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 semester credits must be in the student's curricula for their declared major.

For complete information, please refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section of this Bulletin.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses and administrative policies are available here (<http://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2024-25/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/#genedcoursestext>).

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

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Courses for category D & G are satisfied by completing D & G designated courses in another general education category.

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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.

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
CJ 330	Criminal Law and Procedure	3
CJ 406	Crime and Delinquency ¹	3
CJ 407	Deviant Behavior ¹	3
CJ 460	Criminal Court System ¹	3
CJ 461	Corrections ¹	3
or CJ 410	Police & Society	
CJ 465	Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Criminal Justice ¹	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		45

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Students approved to complete the accelerated B.S. in Criminal Justice to M.S. in Criminal Justice program will take the graduate level courses (CJ 606 Crime and Delinquency, CJ 607 Deviant Behavior, CJ 660 Criminal Court System, CJ 661 Corrections, and CJ 665 Gender, Race and Ethnicity in Criminal Justice).

Minor Requirements

Minor: Criminal Justice

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

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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.