

Criminal Justice Doctorate

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/criminal-justice (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/criminal-justice/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/ (<http://ndsu.edu/criminaljustice/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
April 1
- **Credential Offered:**
Ph.D.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL ibT 100, IELTS 7, Duolingo 125; to qualify for assistantship TOEFL ibT 114, IELTS 8, Duolingo 135

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Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
Theory/Policy		9
CJ 703	Advanced Criminology	
CJ 709	Criminal Justice Policy	
COMM 702	Introduction to College Teaching in the Humanities and Social Sciences	
Research Skills (at least 9 of these credits must be completed at NDSU)		15
CJ 702	Program Evaluation	
CJ 734	Advanced Criminal Justice Methods	
CJ 759	Advanced Research Design in Criminal Justice	
STAT 725	Applied Statistics	
STAT 726	Applied Regression and Analysis of Variance	
Substantive Areas (Students must complete four courses in a substantive area of choice. Additionally, students must complete one course in each of their non-substantive areas.)		18
Criminology		
CJ 721	Individual Theories of Crime	
CJ 722	Structural Theories of Crime	
CJ 750	Violence	
CJ 752	Crime and the Life Course	
Corrections		
CJ 707	Juvenile Corrections	
CJ 733	Issues in Institutional Corrections	
CJ 762	Community Corrections	
CJ 763	Correctional Rehabilitation	
CJ 764	Punishment and Society	
Policing		
CJ 754	Police and Society	
CJ 755	Criminal Justice Leadership and Administration	
CJ 760	Police and Race Issues	
CJ 761	Police Effectiveness	
CJ 765	Classics in Policing	
**Electives/Independent Study (Students should consult with their advisor as to other potentially appropriate electives. Below are example courses.)		15
CJ 768	Gender and Justice	

CJ 793		
PSYC 640	Experimental Methods	
PSYC 670	Experimental Social Psychology	
SOC 700	Qualitative Methods	
STAT 660	Applied Survey Sampling	
STAT 665	Meta-Analysis Methods	
CJ 899		12
Total Credits		60-90

** 36 credits for for students entering the program with a master's degree that is not related to criminal justice/criminology

Admission and Application Requirements

- Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.
- In addition, this program requires applicants to have an approved master's degree.
 - Applicants must submit their research thesis to the graduate committee for review. This committee would be charged with determining whether the research project is sufficient in scope and depth to warrant further supervised research.
- Applicants are required to have had one course in research methods and one course in statistics.
- Applicants should have adequate background preparation or demonstrated potential in the field of criminology or criminal justice.