

Criminal Justice Major

Major Requirements

Degree Type: B.A. or B.S.
Minimum Credits Required: 120

University Degree Requirements

For complete details on these and other university degree requirements, refer to the Degree and Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/degree-and-graduation/>) section in the University Catalog.

1. Minimum of 120 semester credits (some programs may exceed this minimum).
2. Complete the University General Education requirements.
3. Minimum institutional GPA of 2.00 based on work taken at NDSU.
4. Minimum of 30 credits in resident at NDSU.
5. Minimum of 36 upper level credits (courses numbered 300 or higher).
6. Students with transfer credit must meet the NDSU 30 credits in residence (#4). Of these 30 credits in residence, a minimum of 15 credits must be in courses numbered 300 or above, and 15 credits must be in the student's declared major curricula.

University General Education Requirements

A list of university approved general education courses along with the administrative policies governing the requirement and the categories is available here (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/academic-policies/undergraduate-policies/general-education/>).

Code	Title	Credits
Category C: Communication		12
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		
Category L: Digital Literacy		
Total Credits		39

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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

- ¹ 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).