CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJOR (B.S.)  

https://cps.unh.edu/online/program/bs/criminal-justice

**Description**

This program is designed to prepare individuals for entry or advancement in the following fields related to Criminal Justice: law enforcement, corrections, probation and parole, administration, domestic violence prevention, mental health, and other community-based programs that exist for victims, offenders, and their families.

**Requirements**

**Degree Requirements**

**Minimum Credit Requirement:** 120 credits

**Minimum Residency Requirement:** 30 credits must be taken at UNH

**Minimum Cumulative GPA:** 2.0 is required for conferral*

**Core Curriculum Required:** General Education Program Major, Option and Elective Requirements as indicated.

*GPA: Major and any state certification GPA requirements may be higher and are indicated in program details.

A minimum grade of C- is required in all Major coursework. Some programs may have higher grade requirements for Major coursework as noted in the Major requirements section below. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor, and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor. Please note that Option requirements are considered part of the Major. Students must complete 16 upper-level credits in majors within the College of Professional Studies, Online.

**General Education Program Requirements**

A minimum grade of D- is required in all General Education coursework. Students are allowed a maximum of two course overlaps. Overlaps can be used between Major, Minor and General Education requirements with only one overlap being utilized between the Major and Minor.

All General Education requirements, including CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar, must be taken prior to the capstone.

**Writing Program Requirements**

All bachelor's degree candidates are required to complete four writing intensive courses as part of the University Writing Program Requirements as follows:

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Writing Intensive courses are identified with the label "Writing Intensive Course" in the "Attributes" section of the course description and/or a W following the course number.

**Major Requirements**

Prior to capstone enrollment, students are expected to complete the majority of their required major courses along with CRIT 602 Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking and IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar. Students should consult with their advisor regarding specific major courses that may be completed with their capstone. Academic Advisor approval is required for registration to be processed.

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<td>CRIM 725</td>
<td>Ethical Decision Making in the Criminal Justice System</td>
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Criminal Justice Major (B.S.)

Select one of the following:

- BEHS 675 Terrorism: Domestic and International
- HRM 635 Managing Conflict
- MGMT 608 Fostering Inclusion and Diversity in the Workplace
- PSY 602 Theories of Personality
- PSY 603 Crisis Intervention
- PSY 646 Psychology of Occupational Stress
- PSY 654 Counseling Theories
- PSY 685 Principles of Psychopathology
- SOCI 601 Society and the Individual
- SOCI 675 Child Abuse and Neglect
- SOSC 680 Stress and the Family
- SOSC 710 Social Stratification and Inequality

Integrative Capstone

- CRIM 795 Integrative Capstone: Internship in Criminal Justice
- CRIM 797 Integrative Capstone: Project in Criminal Justice

Electives

Open electives are courses students will need to take in addition to their general education and major requirements in order to satisfy the remaining credit totals for their programs. Open electives are defined as any credit course offered by the College not already included in the student's general education, major, option or minor. Students will need 120 credits total to graduate with a bachelor's degree from the Online Division of the College of Professional Studies.

Degree Plan

This degree plan is a sample and does not reflect the impact of transfer credit or current course offerings. UNH CPS Online undergraduate students should develop individual academic plans with their academic advisor during their first year at UNH.

Sample Course Sequence

First Year

Fall

- CRIM 410 Introduction to Criminology
- CRIM 555 The Criminal Justice System
- ENG 420 The Writing Process
- General Education Course

Credits 16

Spring

- COM 460 Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics
- CRIT 501 Introduction to Critical Inquiry
- MTH 402 Math for Our World
  or MTH 504 or Statistics
  or MTH 510 or Pre-Calculus
- POL 554 Law and Society

Credits 16

Second Year

Fall

- COM 480 Visual Communication
- CRIM 600 Crime Prevention and Control
- MTH 504 Statistics

Credits 16

General Education Course

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Third Year

Fall

- CRIM 707 Constitutional Law
- General Education Course
- Elective
- Elective

Credits 16

Spring

- CRIM 725 Ethical Decision Making in the Criminal Justice System
- IDIS 601 Interdisciplinary Seminar
- Elective
- Elective

Credits 16

Fourth Year

Fall

- CRIM 797 or CRIM 795
  or Integrative Capstone: Project in Criminal Justice
  or Integrative Capstone: Internship in Criminal Justice
- Elective

Credits 8

Total Credits 120

Student Learning Outcomes

- Possess a broad and interdisciplinary understanding of the psychosocial, cultural, ethical, and political dimensions of criminal justice in contemporary society.
- Demonstrate an ability to understand and apply ethical thinking and behavior as it relates to their work environment.
- Use research methodology and interpret information as it applies to criminal justice.
- Demonstrate a working knowledge of criminology, criminal justice, law enforcement, corrections, probation/parole, US and NH constitutional law, and advocacy.