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. 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.

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
Select one of the following:		4
MTH 402	Math for Our World	
MTH 504	Statistics	
MTH 510	Pre-Calculus	
Knowledge of Human Behavior & Social Systems		4
Knowledge of the Physical & Natural World		4
Knowledge of Human Thought & Expression		4
CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 601	Interdisciplinary Seminar	4
Total Credits		**40**

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:

Code	Title	Credits
ENG 420	The Writing Process	
One Writing Intensive course in the Major		
One Writing Intensive course at the 600-level or above		
One Additional Writing Intensive Course		

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.

Code	Title	Credits
Major in Criminal Justice		
Foundation courses		
CRIM 410	Introduction to Criminology	4
CRIM 555	The Criminal Justice System	4
MTH 504	Statistics	4
POL 554	Law and Society	4
Intermediate Courses		
CRIM 600	Crime Prevention and Control	4
CRIM 645	Crime Victim Rights and Remedies	4
IDIS 560	Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	4
Criminal Justice Elective		
Select one of the following:		4
BEHS 445	Homeland Security and Emergency Management	
or BEHS 675	Terrorism: Domestic and International	
or CMPL 525	Foundations of Cybersecurity	
or CRIM 425	Juvenile Justice	
or DAT 510	Introduction to Data Analytics	
or HMSV 424	Human Services and the Helping Process	
or HRM 580	Change Management	
or HRM 635	Managing Conflict	
or MGMT 608	Fostering Inclusion and Diversity in the Workplace	
or POL 450	American Government and Politics	
or PSY 530	Social Psychology	
or PSY 602	Theories of Personality	
or PSY 603	Crisis Intervention	
or PSY 646	Psychology of Occupational Stress	
or PSY 654	Counseling Theories	
or PSY 685	Principles of Psychopathology	
or SOCI 601	Society and the Individual	
or SOCI 675	Child Abuse and Neglect	
or SOSC 445	Race & Diversity in the U.S.	
or SOSC 680	Stress and the Family	
or SOSC 710	Social Stratification and Inequality	
Advanced Courses		
CRIM 680	Corrections, Probation and Parole	4
CRIM 707	Constitutional Law	4
CRIM 725	Ethical Decision Making in the Criminal Justice System	4
Upper Level Criminal Justice Elective		
Select one of the following:		4

BEHS 675	Terrorism: Domestic and International	
or HRM 635	Managing Conflict	
or MGMT 608	Fostering Inclusion and Diversity in the Workplace	
or PSY 602	Theories of Personality	
or PSY 603	Crisis Intervention	
or PSY 646	Psychology of Occupational Stress	
or PSY 654	Counseling Theories	
or PSY 685	Principles of Psychopathology	
or SOCI 601	Society and the Individual	
or SOCI 675	Child Abuse and Neglect	
or SOSC 680	Stress and the Family	
or SOSC 710	Social Stratification and Inequality	
Integrative Capstone		
CRIM 795	Integrative Capstone: Internship in Criminal Justice	4
or CRIM 797	Integrative Capstone: Project in Criminal Justice	
Total Credits		**52**

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

		Credits
CRIM 410	Introduction to Criminology	4
CRIM 555	The Criminal Justice System	4
ENG 420	The Writing Process	4
General Education Course		4
	Credits	**16**

Spring

COM 460	Interpersonal Communication and Group Dynamics	4
CRIT 501	Introduction to Critical Inquiry	4
MTH 402 or MTH 504 or MTH 510	Math for Our World or Statistics or Pre-Calculus	4
POL 554	Law and Society	4
	Credits	**16**

Second Year

Fall

COM 480	Visual Communication	4
CRIM 600	Crime Prevention and Control	4
MTH 504	Statistics	4
General Education Course		4
	Credits	**16**

Spring

CRIM 645	Crime Victim Rights and Remedies	4
CRIM 680	Corrections, Probation and Parole	4
Criminal Justice Elective		4
Elective		4
	Credits	**16**

Third Year

Fall

CRIT 602	Advanced Critical Analysis and Strategic Thinking	4
IDIS 560	Research Methods in the Behavioral Sciences	4
Uppler Level Criminal Justice Elective		4
Elective		4
	Credits	**16**

Spring

CRIM 707	Constitutional Law	4
General Education Course		4
Elective		4
Elective		4
	Credits	**16**

Fourth Year

Fall

CRIM 725	Ethical Decision Making in the Criminal Justice System	4
IDIS 601	Interdisciplinary Seminar	4
Elective		4
Elective		4
	Credits	**16**

Spring

CRIM 797 or CRIM 795	Integrative Capstone: Project in Criminal Justice or Integrative Capstone: Internship in Criminal Justice	4
Elective		4
	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.