

# School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

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The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University seeks to prepare students for professional and research careers in criminal justice, criminology, and related fields by applying multidisciplinary and comparative social science to understand, predict, and explain crime and contribute to the development of public policy within urban communities. Using an active-learning approach, the school seeks to develop its students intellectually and ethically, while providing them with a keen appreciation for the complexities of crime and public and private efforts to make communities safer and to ensure justice. The school offers a Master of Science degree in criminology and criminal justice and a PhD degree in criminology and justice policy. In addition, the school offers a JD/MS in criminology and criminal justice program and a JD/PhD in criminology and justice policy in conjunction with the School of Law.

## Programs

### Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)

- Criminology and Justice Policy (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-justice-policy-phd/>)
- Criminology and Justice Policy—Advanced Entry (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/criminology-justice-policy-phd-advanced/>)

### Master of Science (MS)

- Criminology and Criminal Justice (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/criminal-justice-mscj/>)

### Dual Degrees

- Law, Criminology and Justice Policy, JD/PhD (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/law-criminology-justice-policy-jd-phd/>)
- Law, Criminology and Justice Policy, JD/PhD—Advanced Entry (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/>)

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- Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice, JD/MS (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/social-sciences-humanities/criminology-criminal-justice/law-criminal-justice-jd-mscj/>)

## Courses

### Criminal Justice Courses

Search CRIM Courses using FocusSearch (<http://catalog.northeastern.edu/class-search/?subject=CRIM/>)

#### CRIM 5900. Topics in Criminal Justice and Criminology. 4 Hours.

Offers an intensive study of a topic related to criminal justice selected by the instructor. May be repeated up to four times.

#### CRIM 6962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

#### CRIM 6964. Co-op Work Experience. 0 Hours.

Provides eligible students with an opportunity for work experience. May be repeated without limit.

#### CRIM 7200. Criminology. 4 Hours.

Provides an overview of the current understanding of the causes of crime from an interdisciplinary perspective. Focuses on the major theories of crime and causation developed over the past two hundred years. Emphasis is on integrating criminological theory and research, assessing the implications of this knowledge base for policies relating to crime control and prevention. Also presents and discusses the most current data regarding the nature and extent of crime in the United States.

#### CRIM 7201. Global Criminology. 4 Hours.

Examines how the processes of globalization influence crime and criminal justice around the globe. Analyzes globalization and recent developments in global crime, including global trends in policing and security. Explores the global applicability of dominant criminological theories and transferability of crime control policies. Offers students an opportunity to develop an understanding of international criminal justice, particularly as it pertains to war crimes, crimes against humanity, and the global protection of human rights.

#### CRIM 7202. The Criminal Justice Process. 4 Hours.

Introduces graduate students to the criminal justice process. Identifies important issues confronting the administration of justice. Offers an overview of the empirical research addressing these challenges. Through engagement with the course materials, exposes students to a variety of theories that explain the functioning of the justice system and predict its outcomes. Offers students an opportunity to identify and consider changes in institutional responses to crime and justice issues that have occurred over time and across cultural contexts.

#### CRIM 7210. Gender, Crime, and Justice. 4 Hours.

Examines ways in which criminology, the criminal justice system, and the law contribute to the social construction of gender. Investigates process through which biological females are encouraged to become girls and women by cultural assumptions about female deviance, discourses on female crime, the criminal justice system, and legal assumptions about the meaning of equality. Focuses on feminist approaches to criminal justice that parallel the new feminist jurisprudence.

**CRIM 7214. Corrections Theory and Practice. 4 Hours.**

Reviews the history of our correctional system, said by many to have four central themes (revenge, restraint, reformation, and rehabilitation/reintegration). Defines the role and working relationship of corrections in the greater spectrum of criminal justice, identifies and discusses the issues and problems facing the system today, and evaluates its intended purpose vs. how it actually functions. Explores prison operations, from designing and staffing a prison to responsible reintegration. Discussions regarding the political, social, and economic issues that have impacted correction operations, such as sentencing reform, overcrowding, boot camps, and so on, are taken from the classroom to actual prison settings. Provides an overview of corrections through a blend of theory, practice, and firsthand observations.

**CRIM 7224. Law and Psychology. 4 Hours.**

Offers a seminar on conceptual, empirical, historical, and professional aspects of selected topics in forensic psychology including such areas as law and psychology, competence to stand trial, criminal responsibility, and the insanity defense. Topics include jury selection, reliability and validity of eyewitness testimony, truth detection methods, and postconviction pleadings.

**CRIM 7228. Criminal Violence. 4 Hours.**

Investigates and analyzes aggression and violence as forms of individual, group, and societal behavior. Includes an assessment of anthropological, biological, philosophical, political, and sociological theories. Combines student presentations and projects with lectures and tutorials.

**CRIM 7232. Juvenile Law. 4 Hours.**

Examines the legal relationship between the juvenile offender and the state. Covers case and statutory law as well as constitutional due process standards in juvenile proceedings. Topics include jurisdiction, prejudicial process, waiver of jurisdiction adjudication, disposition and postdispositional issues, as well as the right to treatment.

**CRIM 7240. Race and the Criminal Justice System. 4 Hours.**

Offers a sociohistorical analysis of the effects of race and ethnicity on legitimate social opportunities, criminal behavior, victimization, and differential judicial processing. Analyzes the impact of assimilation and acculturation on criminal behavior, victimization, and criminal justice processes. Discusses issues resulting from increasing diversity of both the criminal justice workforce and society in general.

**CRIM 7250. Victimology. 4 Hours.**

Involves a scientific study of crime victims and public policy responses to them. Focuses on the nature and extent of criminal victimization, the dynamics of victim-offender relationships (e.g., incest and domestic violence), theories of victimization, a historical analysis of the victim's role in the criminal justice process, the restorative justice model, and the contemporary victim rights and victim services movement.

**CRIM 7262. Evidence-Based Crime Policy. 4 Hours.**

Introduces students to the evidence-based paradigm in crime policy. Presents the theory and methods of the evidence-based paradigm, which places systematic research at the center of the policymaking process. Offers students an opportunity to further develop skills in critically assessing leading research findings and policy initiatives in the field of criminology and criminal justice.

**CRIM 7270. Crime and Community Context. 4 Hours.**

Provides an overview of crime in the context of communities. Covers major theoretical perspectives and introduces students to both major quantitative and ethnographic work on communities. Examines sociological aspects of community context and contrasts aspects of community processes that are implicated in either the generation or the prevention of crime. Considers current criminal justice practices and crime prevention approaches intended to address crime within communities—especially as they interact with neighborhood social processes in ways that deter or facilitate community crime.

**CRIM 7308. Seminar in Policing. 4 Hours.**

Examines the police function from a multitude of perspectives. Moves beyond analysis of the institution of the public police to explore the broader meaning and role of policing in modern societies. Emphasizes changes in the organization, structure, strategies, and control of policing. Students are expected to critically analyze existing empirical research that sheds light on the effectiveness of the police.

**CRIM 7312. Special Topics in Criminology and Public Policy. 4 Hours.**

Focuses on a particular aspect of criminology and/or public policy of contemporary interest. This course rotates annually. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 7316. Advanced Topics in Methods. 4 Hours.**

Focuses on particular application methods not covered extensively in other research methods courses. This course rotates annually. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 7700. Practicum in Teaching. 0 Hours.**

Provides weekly meetings for graduate student lecturers and faculty advisers to discuss common concerns and issues arising during the course of teaching. With input from the Center for Effective University Teaching, covers topics such as syllabus preparation, examination preparation and grading, classroom protocol, and student interaction. Required for all doctoral students teaching a class for the first time.

**CRIM 7706. Practicum in Writing and Publishing. 2 Hours.**

Offers students an opportunity to develop and improve their academic writing skills while preparing a sole-authored article for potential publication. Requires each student to present a paper in-progress and, through an iterative process of review and revision, have it ready to submit to a journal by the end of the semester. Students comment, orally and in writing, on the papers presented by the other students over the course of the semester. There are regular assignments from leading texts on mechanics and style in writing and reflections on the peer-review and publication processes from multiple perspectives. May be repeated once.

**CRIM 7710. Criminology and Public Policy 1. 4 Hours.**

Provides detailed coverage of theoretical criminology and its implications for public policy. Approaches the understanding of crime from an interdisciplinary perspective, with special attention given to recent theoretical developments. Emphasizes evaluating theory in light of empirical research, understanding the implications of theory and research for programs and policies of crime prevention and control, and evaluating current approaches to crime prevention and control.

**CRIM 7711. Criminology and Public Policy 2. 4 Hours.**

Continues CRIM 7710. Provides detailed coverage of theoretical criminology and its implications for public policy. Approaches the understanding of crime from an interdisciplinary perspective, with special attention given to recent theoretical developments. Emphasizes evaluating theory in light of empirical research, understanding the implications of theory and research for programs and policies of crime prevention and control, and evaluating current approaches to crime prevention and control.

**CRIM 7713. Advanced Research and Evaluation Methods. 4 Hours.**

Deals in detail with all aspects of evaluation research. Includes both process and outcomes evaluation models and a discussion of experimental and quasi-experimental designs. Students review both qualitative and quantitative approaches to evaluation design and discuss financial issues in program evaluation. Exposes students to methods to develop an evaluation research proposal.

**CRIM 7715. Multivariate Analysis 1. 4 Hours.**

Builds upon the concepts of correlation and inference to present analytic procedures involving several variables, including multiple regression, logistic regression, causal analysis, and multiway ANOVA. Emphasizes the application of these methods with criminal justice data sets using statistical software programs.

**CRIM 7716. Multivariate Analysis 2. 4 Hours.**

Continues CRIM 7715. Covers more advanced multivariate analytic methods. Topics include principal components and factor analysis, discriminant analysis, MANOVA, time series, and cluster analysis. Emphasizes the application of these methods with criminal justice data sets using statistical software programs.

**CRIM 7718. Advanced Data Analysis. 4 Hours.**

Designed to build upon the foundations provided by CRIM 7715 and CRIM 7716 with the goal of students becoming proficient with selected quantitative multivariate analysis techniques. Topics covered in this course include various general linear models, hierarchical linear models, and survival analysis. Requires substantial computer use as particular emphasis is placed on analyzing data using a variety of statistical programs. This is a PhD-level course.

**CRIM 7720. Crime Mapping. 4 Hours.**

Studies the process of mapping. Employs a holistic approach to learning how to create and interpret maps, which seeks to provide a much deeper understanding of crime mapping and leave students with a solid foundation of skills that are transferable and scalable. Although this course represents an introduction to crime mapping, the goal is that students completing the course are successful in future mapping endeavors. Focuses on how to create effective maps (start to finish) rather than focusing largely on the various mapping capabilities currently available to researchers.

**CRIM 7962. Elective. 1-4 Hours.**

Offers elective credit for courses taken at other academic institutions. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 7976. Directed Study. 1-4 Hours.**

Offers the student the opportunity to bring individual, concentrated attention to a particular topic as arranged and agreed upon in advance by a faculty member and the student. This option is generally recommended when the student desires a more intensive analysis of a particular subject. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 7978. Independent Study. 1-4 Hours.**

Offers independent work under the direction of members of the department on a chosen topic. Course content depends on instructor. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 8960. Exam Preparation—Doctoral. 0 Hours.**

Offers the student the opportunity to prepare, under faculty supervision, for the PhD qualifying examination.

**CRIM 8984. Research. 1-4 Hours.**

Offers an opportunity to conduct research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 8986. Research. 0 Hours.**

Offers an opportunity to conduct full-time research under faculty supervision. May be repeated without limit.

**CRIM 9000. PhD Candidacy Achieved. 0 Hours.**

Indicates successful completion of the doctoral comprehensive exam.

**CRIM 9990. Dissertation. 0 Hours.**

Provides the student with the opportunity, under close faculty guidance, to conduct an original investigation of a criminal justice issue. Each student identifies a faculty chair and two additional faculty members who comprise the student's Dissertation Committee. While the student conducts research and develops a dissertation, the committee provides support and direction and, ultimately, approves the final research product. May be repeated once.

**CRIM 9996. Dissertation Continuation. 0 Hours.**

Offers continued thesis work conducted under the supervision of a departmental faculty. May be repeated without limit.