

REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDACY FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE

Master of Science Two Semester Degree Program

Credits and Course Load

To satisfy the requirements for the Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice, students must successfully complete thirty (32) semester hours of coursework in a two-semester sequence. The degree plan for students entering in the Fall and Spring semesters is as follows.

Master of Science Two Semester Sample Programs of Study (32 SH)

Fall Admission

FALL SEMESTER

CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

SPRING SEMESTER

CRIM 7200 Criminology	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

Spring Admission

SPRING SEMESTER

CRIM 7200 Criminology	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

FALL SEMESTER

CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

Master of Science 18-Month Experiential Opportunities Degree Program

Credits and Course Load

There is also the opportunity (not required) for an experiential opportunity (e.g., a Graduate Co-op or Research Lab or Center Experience). Students opting for an experiential opportunity will extend the duration of the program by 6 months to 18 months and two credits and will gain informal mentorship through their co-op experience as well as the experiential integration course.

Master's students opting for an experiential opportunity typically enrich their graduate studies with a Graduate Co-op or Research Lab or Center Experience. These experiences entail full-time (or near full-time) employment. Although many co-ops involve paid positions, some are unpaid. Experiential opportunities are scheduled as CRIM 6964: Co-op Work Experience (0 SHs) and engage students in coursework integration through a required CSSH experiential integration course: INSH 6864: Experiential Integration (2 SHs). Students must also take one full 4 semester hour course while completing the Co-op experiences. The degree plan for students entering in the Fall and Spring semesters is as follows.

Master of Science Experiential Opportunities Sample Programs of Study (34 SH)

Fall Admission

FALL SEMESTER

CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

SPRING SEMESTER

CRIM 7200 Criminology	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH

SUMMER/FALL (JULY – DECEMBER)

CRIM 6964 Co-op Experience	0 SH
INSH 6864 Experiential Integration	2 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

Spring Admission

SPRING SEMESTER

CRIM 7200 Criminology	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

FALL SEMESTER

CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process	4 SH
Take one of the following:	4 SH
1. INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	
2. INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis	
OR	
INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	
CRIM elective	4 SH

SPRING/SUMMER (JANUARY – JUNE)

CRIM 6964 Co-op Experience	0 SH
INSH 6864 Experiential Integration	2 SH
CRIM elective	4 SH

Required Core Courses

All students entering the program must take sixteen (16) semester hours of required course work as part of the core curriculum. The required core courses are:

Required Courses:	Semester Hours Earned
CRIM 7200 Criminology	4 SH
CRIM 7202 The Criminal Justice Process	4 SH
INSH 6300 Research Methods in the Social Sciences	4 SH
INSH 6500 Statistical Analysis OR INSH 6404 Computational Social Science	4 SH
Total Semester Credit Earned	16 SH

Students adding an experiential option will also be required to enroll in CRIM6964 Co-op Experience (0 SH) and INSH 6864 Experiential Integration (2 SH). These courses will be taken for six months during the co-op experience.

Elective Courses

Students are expected to take elective courses beyond the required semester hours of core courses. A total of eighteen (16) semester hours of elective credit are needed to complete the degree. Elective courses **generally** meet once a week for 3 hours and 20 minutes on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday in the afternoon or evening. Students should be aware that while the program attempts to accommodate part-time students as much as possible, it is often not feasible to teach all courses in the evening, meaning that students may be required to take some courses in the afternoon. Elective courses are worth four (4) semester hours of credit unless otherwise noted.

The student may also pursue specialized interests by electing courses in other graduate programs at Northeastern. The student is permitted to take up to two courses (8 semester hours) from other graduate programs at Northeastern. A student wanting to take more than 8 credits outside of the school can petition to do so. Such petitions will be considered by the SCCJ Graduate Committee and approved by the school's Graduate Program Director.

Directed Study

In order to pursue specialized interests not covered by the curriculum, Master's students are allowed to enroll in up to two directed study courses (8 semester hours) during their time in the graduate program. Students may petition to extend the number of directed studies taken. Such petitions will be considered by the SCCJ Graduate Committee and approved by the school's Graduate Program Director.

In a directed study, students are able to explore in-depth an area of literature or to conduct a small research project, under the close supervision of a member of the faculty. Whether one pursues library or original research, the student's work must be reflected in a final product (usually a paper) from the course. Directed Study requests are made through myNortheastern. Directed Study Forms must include: (1) a course description; (2) a course syllabus; (3) a description of how the course will be graded; and (4) approval by the faculty member with whom the student wishes to work and the Graduate Director. Finally, directed studies that duplicate existing course offerings will not be approved.