

# CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

## Bachelor of Science

**Preparing students for professional and research careers in criminal justice, criminology, and related fields by applying the tools of social science to understand, predict and explain crime and contribute to the development of effective, fair, and impartial justice policies.**

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University offers a multidisciplinary approach to studying crime, victimization, and the justice system. The major prepares you for graduate school, law school, and/or other professional roles in the justice system, including crime analysis, investigations, policy and reform, advocacy services, and global criminology.

Our Experiential Liberal Arts education model helps to fine-tune your technical skills and enrich your understanding of the causes and consequences of crime in our communities. Through rigorous coursework, the innovative co-op program, research with engaged faculty, and global experiences, this major will prepare you intellectually and ethically for your next steps.

### **Experiential learning and action-oriented research**

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is home to the Center on Crime, Race, and Justice (CRJ). The mission of the CRJ is to make the criminal justice system more equitable and just for all.

There are six research labs operating within the CRJ which take different approaches and utilize a variety of methodologies to understand how

communities are differentially impacted by crime, violence and the responses to crime. For more information, see [cssh.northeastern.edu/crj](http://cssh.northeastern.edu/crj).

### **Combined majors**

We offer numerous combined majors and the ability to minor for those students whose interests extend beyond the components of the criminal justice system, enhancing a student's education, experience, and career possibilities.

Some combined majors include CJ with Psychology, Cybersecurity, Human Services, International Affairs, Public Health, Business Administration, Political Science, Data Science, and others. For more information, see [www.cssh.northeastern.edu/sccj/program/bs](http://www.cssh.northeastern.edu/sccj/program/bs).

### **Co-op opportunities**

Northeastern's co-op program provides you with a competitive edge upon graduation by experiencing applied classroom learning to real world experiences.

Through co-op you will engage in applied projects, research, learn new analytical skills, collect and synthesize information, work closely with professionals, and enhance your understanding of the daily operations at work in the field. The following are some of the co-op opportunities in SCCJ.

- Prisoner's Legal Services
- US Courts - US Attorney's Office & Office of Probation (MA & NY)
- TJX companies
- U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- Ropes and Gray, Goodwin Procter, WilmerHale
- Plymouth Rock
- MIT Lincoln Lab, Security Services
- Roxbury District Court - Probation
- Level Investigations
- Children's Advocacy Center

For more information, see [cssh.northeastern.edu/sccj/academics/co-op](http://cssh.northeastern.edu/sccj/academics/co-op).



### **Featured Courses**

- Criminal Due Process
- Human Trafficking
- Corruption, Integrity, and Accountability
- Crime, Media, and Politics
- Courts: The Third Branch of Government
- Youth Crime and Justice
- Punishment in the Age of Mass Incarceration
- Policing a Democratic Society
- Psychology of Crime
- Criminal Law

### **Selected Combined Majors**

- Criminal Justice/Psychology
- Criminal Justice/Political Science
- Criminal Justice/Cyber Security
- Criminal Justice/International Affairs
- Criminal Justice/Business Administration



Most of all, the faculty embodies a strong commitment to mentorship that fosters a unique learning environment that extends beyond the classroom.”

Dominic Nishigaya '25, Criminal Justice Major, Minor in Law and Public Policy



# Student Stories



**Noelle Furnanz '26**  
**Criminal Justice**

Noelle joined Mock Trial, the Student Alliance for Prison Reform (SAPR), and the Corrections and Reentry Lab (CRL) as a freshman. Her work in the CRL's *Turning Points* study involved research to understand mental health outcomes among correctional officers. She recently co-presented research at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences on gender differences in correctional officers' mental health.

This experience inspired her to pursue the PlusOne BS/MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice. She is currently working toward an Honors in the Major distinction.



**Alexia Chiriac '25**  
**International Affairs  
& Criminal Justice**

After taking her Human Trafficking class, Alexia completed a co-op at My Life My Choice (Boston) focusing on child trafficking research and supporting survivors. During her second co-op, at the New York State Assembly she contributed to legislative work in criminal and civil justice. She is pursuing a PlusOne MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice, acquiring specialized skills, combining theory with practice.

Alexia is also serving as a Master Student Representative while aspiring to build a career at the intersection of criminal justice and international security.



**Gabriel Rodriguez '28**  
**International Affairs  
& Criminal Justice**

Gabriel's combined major supports his ambitions in negotiation, diplomacy, and international investigations. He has worked as Office Assistant for the SCCJ Director and contributed to research on generational trauma and healthcare access.

Gabriel served as a Summer Bridge Peer Mentor and was a Marine Officer Program candidate. He is currently studying abroad in Greece where he will complete an internship in International Affairs and serve as a Social Media Ambassador for College Year in Athens.

## **N** Northeastern University **College of Social Sciences and Humanities**

As a leader in the Experiential Liberal Arts, Northeastern's College of Social Sciences and Humanities combines experiential learning with the rigorous study of culture, society, policy, and ethics. To explore the past and shape policies for a better tomorrow, we practice humanics: the integration of traditional liberal arts capacities with quantitative tools and new digital proficiencies. In fields ranging from English and economics to philosophy, criminology and public policy, we focus on the key issues of today: how to shape public spheres, how to build resilient and sustainable communities, and how to engage with cultures past and present.

## **N** Northeastern University

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered lifelong learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations—in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; London; Toronto; and Vancouver—are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs—in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats—lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.