

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

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REGISTRATION

Title of Proposal - Must begin with Department Abbreviation:

CRMJ Proposal to Modify Law Electives

Check One: Full Proposal or Information Item

Effective Date for Curricular Offering: Fall 2010

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(proposal originator: include spokesperson's name, department, office number, telephone, e-mail)

Does this require new resources from the originating department or other department? no
Please include an explanation if yes.

Faculty of the originating department approved this proposal on 10/1/09 (date),
by a vote of 8 aye votes; 0 nay votes; 0 abstentions; 0 eligible voting members absent.

The following have examined this proposal:

Dept Head/Director: Helen Eigenberg [Signature] 10/1/09
Printed name Signature, date Approve Neutral Disapprove*

College Curriculum Committee Date: _____ Vote: _____ Signature of Chair: _____

Spokespersons for Affected Departments:

Printed Name, Department	Signature, Date	Approve	Neutral	Disapprove*
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Dean/Director: H. Burhean [Signature]

University Registrar: Linda Orth [Signature] 10/27/09 _____
Printed name Signature, date Comments

Provost/Representative: J. Sanders [Signature] 11/2/09
Printed name Signature, date Approve Neutral Disapprove*

Lab/studio fee requested:

Provost: Phil Oldham _____
Printed name Signature, date Approve Disapprove*

*Those who disapprove may attach an explanation

ACTIONS on this proposal:	Curriculum Committee	Faculty Senate
Date the proposal was considered	_____	_____
Vote of the body:	_____	_____
Accepted as information item (indicate date)	_____	_____
Approved as submitted (indicate date)	_____	_____
Approved with amendments (amendments indicated and transmitted to all signatories above, date):	_____	_____
Signature of Chair:	_____	_____

MEMORANDUM

To: Curriculum Committee
From: Criminal Justice Department
Date: September 28, 2009
RE: Curriculum Proposal – Revisions in the CRMJ Major

We request action on the following action:

1. CHANGE CRMJ MAJOR TO ALLOW STUDENTS TO TAKE AN ADDITIONAL 3 HOURS OF LAS (LEGAL ASSISTANT STUDIES) COURSES WHICH COUNT TOWARDS ELECTIVES IN THE MAJOR.

CURRENT REQUIEIMENTS

Major and Related Courses

33 hours of core courses including: Criminal Justice 110, 211, 303 or 317 or 425, 310, 311, 312, 325, 375, 410, 430, 485

15 hours Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 of the 15 elective hours at the 300/400 level. (No more than 6 hours of Criminal Justice 478 and 479 may be applied toward the 15 hours of Criminal Justice electives.)

One course selected from Legal Assistant Studies 170, 225, 245, 350, 401, 406, 410
Psychology 101# and Sociology 151#

PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS

Major and Related Courses

33 hours of core courses including: Criminal Justice 110, 211, 303 or 317 or 425, 310, 311, 312, 325, 375, 410, 430, 485

15 hours Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 of the 15 elective hours at the 300/400 level and one course (3 hours) selected from Legal Assistant Studies 170, 225, 245, 350, 401, 406, 410 **OR**

12 hours Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 of the 12 elective hours at the 300/400 level and two courses selected from Legal Assistant Studies 170, 225, 245, 350, 401, 406, 410

Psychology 101# and Sociology 151#

No more than 6 hours of Criminal Justice 478 and 479 may be applied toward Criminal Justice electives.

Rationale

In 2006, we moved three law related courses in criminal justice (Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Juvenile Law) from CRMJ call letters to LAS call letters. The Department houses both the criminal justice major and the legal assistant studies major. This change was made to organize the department more logically so that all of our legal courses are offered in the LAS program rather having a few in the CRMJ major. The course descriptions were not changed.

At the same time, we changed a major requirement for Criminal Justice. CRMJ 170 (Criminal Law) had been a required course for the major. We changed the curriculum so that students were required to take a legal course of their choice from LAS 170 (Criminal Law), 225 (Commercial Law), 245(Family Law), 350 (Law of Evidence), 401 (Constitutional Law), 406, (Juvenile Law)or 410 Employment Law). The rationale behind requiring a law related course is that criminal justice students need to be exposed to a course that requires them to use legal thinking as opposed to a social science approach as is the case in most of the major. The LAS courses that were selected include subject matter that is appropriate for criminal justice majors and allows students to make this selection based on their academic interests and career goals. For example, a major intending to become a police officer may find criminal law most relevant while a major intending to work with domestic violence victims might find family law more relevant.

At this time, we would like to expand student options to take an additional law course. By making the change in 2006, we unintentionally restricted the number of law related courses available for criminal justice majors and took away options that historically have been available for electives (e.g. constitutional law and juvenile law). The proposed change allows students to take 15 hours of criminal justice courses and one law related course or 12 hours of criminal justice electives and two law related courses.

Analysis of Impact Within Program: No appreciable impact. The courses will have a blend of LAS/CRMJ students, although, this is often the case currently. There might be some slight increase in LAS enrollments in these courses, but this program can handle the increase. There is no increase in overall hours required for the major.

Relationship to Resources in Other Departments: None