

Signature of Chair:

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MEMORANDUM

To: Curriculum Committee

From: Chris Hensley

Deactivate Courses

Re: Information Item: Remove two courses from the Department of Criminal Justice's course offerings

DESCRIPTION

The department proposes to remove CRMJ 4105: Advanced Theories in Crime and Justice and CRMJ 4110: Advanced Criminal Justice Methods.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

We are proposing that CRMJ 4105 and CRMJ 4110 be eliminated from the program. These courses have never been offered in the program. Dropping these courses will affect the B.S. program requirements. Rather than selecting one of the three capstone courses, CRMJ 4105, CRMJ 4110, or CRMJ 4850: Advanced Community Engagement Seminar, students will be required to take CRMJ 4850 as the capstone course. This allows us to streamline the program which is reflected in the Major Curriculum Revision program.

PRESENT DESCRIPTIONS

CRMJ 4105 - Advanced Theories in Crime and Justice

(3) Credit Hours

Students critically evaluate the major themes of contemporary theory and current concerns pertaining to crime and justice. Students examine how race, gender, social class and other forms of privilege affect the process of defining criminality and creating theory. In addition to classical theories, the course will examine environmental and peacemaking criminology, as well as conflict, life course, critical race, feminist, postmodern theories and their application to the study of crime. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1100, 1000, 3110 and senior standing or department head approval. Criminal Justice majors only.

CRMJ 4110 - Advanced Criminal Justice Methods

(3) Credit Hours

This advanced seminar requires students to move beyond a basic understanding of research methods by applying their skills to design studies, organize and interpret data, and reach conclusions based on statistical analysis. The course focuses on measurement issues, measures of central tendency, probability analysis, statistical significance tests, and correlation and regression analyses. In addition to standard research approaches in criminal justice, students are introduced to program evaluation and crime mapping. Students will use SPSS to analyze criminal justice data to understand how research methods affect policies and practices in the field. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1000, 1100, 3110, and senior standing or department head approval. Criminal Justice majors only.