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CRMJ: Major Curriculum Revision for the B.S. in Criminal Justice

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MAJOR CURRICULUM REVISION
Department of Criminal Justice
B.S. Degree Program

DESCRIPTION

The Criminal Justice Department proposes a major revision in course requirements for the B.S. in Criminal Justice. These changes are necessary to remove any existing barriers for timely graduation. These changes also reflect the need to improve on the departmental ClearPath Showcase and course outcomes.

RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

The Criminal Justice program is in need of revisions to accommodate changes both in the discipline and at the university. Much of the existing curriculum was created in 2011 or prior and numerous changes have taken place within the discipline and the department. In addition, students have noted too many options (i.e., taking this course or that course or selecting one option versus another) in the major requirements, which often created confusion during advising and registration. Consequently, we need to revise and update the current curriculum to better align with national trends in criminal justice and meet the program learning outcomes.

- Identify and apply the major theoretical perspectives in criminology and criminal justice and apply the social and policy implications to these approaches (Outcome 1).
- Integrate the components and functions of the criminal justice system and apply this information to the major areas within the system (police, courts, and corrections, Outcome 2).
- Apply knowledge of the operation of the criminal justice system to practical problems in the field and understand the role of ethical decision making in the process (Outcome 3).
- Identify, analyze, and interpret data on and related to crime and apply these concepts written and orally (Outcome 4).
- Critically think about issues of age, race/ethnicity, social class, gender, sexual orientation and other global issues and integrate how these function at both the macro and micro level in the criminal justice system (Outcome 5).

Under the proposed changes, students will no longer be required to take PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology as part of the program requirements and general education (please see separate formal proposal). As illustrated in our program outcomes, this requirement is no longer needed. While criminal justice is founded in both sociology and psychology, any social science general education requirement builds a foundation in criminal justice.

We created a new course, CRMJ 3XXX: Race, Class, Gender and Crime, to expose students to the intersectionality of micro and macro level factors related to diversity (Outcome 5).

While CRMJ 1100 is directly linked to CRMJ 3100, CRMJ 3120, and CRMJ 3250, it was determined that requiring CRMJ 1000 as a prerequisite for these courses was unnecessary as it did not affect program outcomes. Thus, we are eliminating CRMJ 1000 as a prerequisite for the CRMJ 3100, 3120, and 3250 courses (Outcome 2).

ECONOMIC AND PEDAGOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

Under the proposed changes, students will no longer be required to take PSY 1010: Introduction to Psychology or SOC 1510: Introduction to Sociology as part of the program requirements and general education (please see separate formal proposal). Instead, students will be allowed to select two behavioral and social science courses from two separate disciplines outside the program.

Second, students will be no longer required to select either CRMJ 3030: Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems, CRMJ 3170: Minorities and Criminal Justice, or CRMJ 3180: Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice. Rather, a new course, CRMJ 3XXX: Race, Class, Gender, and Crime will be required (please see separate formal proposal for adding the new course). CRMJ 3030, CRMJ 3170, and CRMJ 3180 will become electives.

Third, students will be no longer required to select either CRMJ 4105: Advanced Theories in Crime and Justice; CRMJ 4110: Advanced Criminal Justice Methods, or CRMJ 4850: Advanced Community Engagement Seminar. Rather, all criminal justice majors will be required to take CRMJ 4850: Community Engagement Seminar (renamed). Both CRMJ 4105 and CRMJ 4110 will be dropped from the program (please see separate informational proposal).

Fourth, students will no longer be required to choose between taking 18 hours of CRMJ electives and three hours from a selected Legal Assistant Studies course. Rather, all majors will be required to complete 15 - 18 hours of CRMJ electives and three to six hours from selected Legal Assistant Studies courses (see below for exact language).

Fifth, several courses including, CRMJ 1000, CRMJ 2110, CRMJ 3100, CRMJ 3120, CRMJ 3250, CRMJ 4300, CRMJ 4780, CRMJ 4790, and CRMJ 4850 will be renamed (please see separate informational proposal).

Sixth, CRMJ 1000: Introduction to Criminology will become CRMJ 2XXX: Criminology. The CRMJ 1000 Prerequisite will be removed from CRMJ 3030, CRMJ 3100, CRMJ 3120, CRMJ 3250, CRMJ 3500, CRMJ 4300, and CRMJ 4850. However, CRMJ 2XXX: Criminology will become a prerequisite for CRMJ 3XXX, CRMJ 4300, and CRMJ 4850 (please see separate formal proposal outlining these changes).

REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

There is no change in course requirements for students in other departments or majors.

PRESENT AND PROPOSED DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

We present our present degree requirements, as well as our proposed requirements below:

PRESENT:

Program Requirements

- PSY 1010 - Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 1510 - Introduction to Sociology

27 hours of core courses including:

- CRMJ 1000 - Introduction to Criminology
- CRMJ 1100 - Introduction to the Criminal Justice System

- CRMJ 3030 - Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems or
- CRMJ 3170 - Minorities and Criminal Justice or
- CRMJ 3180 - Gender, Crime and Criminal Justice

- CRMJ 3100 - Law Enforcement in Criminal and Juvenile Justice
- CRMJ 3110 - Criminal Justice Research Methodology
- CRMJ 3120 - Correctional Perspectives in Criminal and Juvenile Justice

- CRMJ 3250 - Law and Justice System
- CRMJ 4300 - Philosophical and Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice
- CRMJ 4105 - Advanced Theories in Crime and Justice or
- CRMJ 4110 - Advanced Criminal Justice Methods or
- CRMJ 4850 - Advanced Community Engagement Seminar

21 hours of the following:

- 18 hours Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 of the 18 elective hours at the 3000/4000 level and
- One course selected from Legal Assistant Studies Courses

or

- 15 Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 of the 15 elective hours at the 3000/4000 level and
- Two courses selected from Legal Assistant Studies Courses

Legal Assistant Studies Courses:

- LAS 1700 - Introduction to Criminal Law
- LAS 2250 - Commercial Law
- LAS 2450 - Family Law
- LAS 3500 - Law of Evidence
- LAS 4010 - Constitutional Law
- LAS 4060 - Juvenile Law
- LAS 4100 - Employment Law

PROPOSED:

27 hours of core courses including:

- CRMJ 1100 - Introduction to the Criminal Justice System
- CRMJ 2XXX - Criminology
- CRMJ 3XXX - Race, Class, Gender, and Crime
- CRMJ 3100 - Policing
- CRMJ 3110 - Criminal Justice Research Methodology
- CRMJ 3120 - Corrections
- CRMJ 3250 - Courts
- CRMJ 4300 - Ethics in Criminal Justice
- CRMJ 4850 - Community Engagement Seminar

21 hours of the following:

- 15 - 18 hours of Criminal Justice electives with at least 9 hours at the 3000/4000 level and
- 3 - 6 hours selected from the following Legal Assistant Studies Courses

Legal Assistant Studies Courses:

- LAS 1700 - Introduction to Criminal Law
- LAS 2250 - Commercial Law
- LAS 2450 - Family Law
- LAS 3500 - Law of Evidence
- LAS 4010 - Constitutional Law
- LAS 4060 - Juvenile Law

- LAS 4100 - Employment Law

CLEAR PATH – Criminal Justice, B.S.

2015-2016

Please see the [Courses](#) section of this catalog for complete course descriptions.

Freshman Year			
³⁵ / ₁₇	Meet with Academic Advisor two times each semester.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Go to every class. Contact your instructor if you are absent.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Devote enough time to your studies and think about course materials and how they apply to your life.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Become actively involved in at least one co-curricular activity.		
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	Hrs	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	Hrs
ENGL 1010	3	ENGL 1020	3
Math	3	Statistics	3
CRMJ 1100	3	CRMJ 2XXX	3
Natural Science Non-Lab	3	Fine Arts and Humanities Subcategory	3
Social Science	3	Social Science	3
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Sophomore Year			
³⁵ / ₁₇	Confirm your academic major choice and know the requirements and career fields related to your major.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Using MyMocsDegree, create course plan for your remaining degree requirements.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Involve yourself in learning opportunities that are challenging and relevant.		
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	Hrs	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	Hrs
Fine Arts and Humanities Subcategory	3	Fine Arts and Humanities Subcategory	3
Natural Science with Lab	4	LAS Law Component Class	3
Fine Arts and Humanities Subcategory	3	CRMJ 3100	3
Non-Western Culture	3	CRMJ 3XXX	3
CRMJ 3110	3	General Elective/Minor	3
	16		15
Junior Year			
³⁵ / ₁₇	Participate in study abroad, leadership opportunities, service learning, civic engagement, internships, research projects, and other learning opportunities.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Develop your job or graduate school strategy.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Update your graduation plan as necessary.		
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	Hrs	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	Hrs
CRMJ 3250	3	CRMJ 3120	3
CRMJ Elective	3	CRMJ Elective	3
LAS Law Component Class or CRMJ Elective	3	CRMJ Elective	3
General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	3
General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	3
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Senior Year			
³⁵ / ₁₇	Participate in a capstone experience related to your field of study.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	See additional learning activities aligned with your plans after graduation.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Implement the job or graduate school strategy you developed during your junior year.		
³⁵ / ₁₇	Complete your Graduation Application in the Records Office.		
<i>Fall Semester:</i>	Hrs	<i>Spring Semester:</i>	Hrs
CRMJ Elective	3	CRMJ 4850	3
CRMJ Elective	3	CRMJ 4300	3
General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	3
General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	3
General Elective/Minor	3	General Elective/Minor	2
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