# UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM PROPOSAL COVER SHEET

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#### **DESCRIPTION**

- 1) The department proposes renumbering and renaming CRMJ 1000: Introduction to Criminology to CRMJ 2XXX: Criminology (the renaming is found on another informational item in this packet).
- 2) The department proposes to remove CRMJ 1000: Introduction to Criminology as a prerequisite for the following courses (please note we have included the new names of the courses below as we are also submitting an informational item to change certain course names with this packet):

CRMJ 3030: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

CRMJ 3100: Policing CRMJ 3120: Corrections CRMJ 3250: Courts

CRMJ 3500: Media and the Criminal Justice System

CRMJ 4300: Ethics in Criminal Justice

CRMJ 4850: Community Engagement Seminar

3) The department proposes adding CRMJ 2XXX as a prerequisite to CRMJ 3XXX: Race, Class, Gender and Crime, CRMJ 4300: Ethics in Criminal Justice, and CRMJ 4850: Community Engagement Seminar.

#### RATIONALE FOR CHANGE

1) Based on program outcomes and curriculum mapping, it was determined that CRMJ 1000 should be renumbered and renamed to CRMJ 2XXX: Criminology. The course as currently numbered does not reflect the rigor expected. However, to facilitate transfer from community colleges, it should remain as a lower level course.

## Program Outcome 2:

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).

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.

- 2) The department would like to remove CRMJ 1000 as a prerequisite from the above-listed courses as the content of the course is not needed as a building block for these courses. In other words, the material covered in CRMJ 1000 is not needed to adequately prepare students for successful completion of these courses. Students who do not take CRMJ 1000 first fair no better than those who do not for these particular courses as the content is systems-based and not theoretical in nature. It should be noted that the new renumbered and renamed course (CRMJ 2XXX) will remain a prerequisite for CRMJ 4300 and CRMJ 4850 (please see below).
- 3) We would like to add CRMJ 2XXX: Criminology as a prerequisite for CRMJ 3XXX, CRMJ 4300, and CRMJ 4850. The course in its current form is already a prerequisite for CRMJ 4300 and CRMJ 4850.

#### ECONOMIC AND PEDAGOGICAL CONSEQUENCES

There are no economic consequences to the changes. In terms of pedagogical consequences, students will not be required to take CRMJ 2XXX before taking the above-listed courses again with the exception of CRMJ

3XXX, CRMJ 4300, and CRMJ 4850. These changes will assist students' schedules as they have the possibility to take CRMJ 2XXX concurrently with all of the electives and most of the other required courses in the department. This ensures students are able to successfully complete requirements in a timely manner.

## REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS

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

#### PRESENT AND PROPOSED DESCRIPTIONS

#### ITEM 1

Present:

CRMJ 1000 - Introduction to Criminology

(3) Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the basic concepts and theories used in the study of criminal behavior. It provides an overview of the nature and extent of crime and theoretical approaches to the causes and prevention of crime and juvenile delinquency. It also reviews how criminal justice policy is affected by various theoretical perspectives and public view of crime.

Proposed:

CRMJ 2XXX - Criminology

(3) Credit Hours

This course introduces students to the basic concepts and theories used in the study of criminal behavior. It provides an overview of the nature and extent of crime and theoretical approaches to the causes and prevention of crime and juvenile delinquency. It also reviews how criminal justice policy is affected by various theoretical perspectives and public view of crime.

## ITEM 2

Present:

CRMJ 3030 - Comparative Criminal and Juvenile Justice Systems

(3) Credit Hours

An examination of these two systems of justice as they function in other countries. Fall semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1000 or CRMJ 1100 or completion of general education social science requirement or department head approval.

Proposed:

CRMJ 3030 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems

(3) Credit Hours

An examination of these two systems of justice as they function in other countries. Fall semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1100 or completion of general education social science requirement or department head approval.

#### Present:

CRMJ 3100 - Law Enforcement in Criminal and Juvenile Justice

(3) Credit Hours

Examines the historical and philosophical evolution of the police and the role of police in society. Discusses police functions, subculture, community relations and decision making. Explores issues such a police corruption and deviance and attempts to control police behavior. Spring semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1000 and CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

Proposed:

CRMJ 3100 - Policing

(3) Credit Hours

Examines the historical and philosophical evolution of the police and the role of police in society. Discusses police functions, subculture, community relations and decision making. Explores issues such a police corruption and deviance and attempts to control police behavior. Spring semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

Present:

CRMJ 3120 - Correctional Perspectives in Criminal and Juvenile Justice

(3) Credit Hours

Philosophical and historical evolution of corrections in the U.S. Emphasis on punishment and rehabilitative rationales, institutional programs and procedures, inmate social structures, and contemporary issues. Spring semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1000 and CRMJ 1100 or department head approval. For Criminal Justice majors, credit not allowed in both CRMJ 3120 and SOC 3230.

Proposed:

CRMJ 3120 - Corrections

(3) Credit Hours

Philosophical and historical evolution of corrections in the U.S. Emphasis on punishment and rehabilitative rationales, institutional programs and procedures, inmate social structures, and contemporary issues. Spring semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1100 or department head approval. For Criminal Justice majors, credit not allowed in both CRMJ 3120 and SOC 3230.

Present:

CRMJ 3250 - Law and Justice System

(3) Credit Hours

An overview of the role of the actors in the American courtroom, the interaction of these actors and the effect of social forces on their behavior. Includes prosecutor, plaintiff and defense lawyers, judges, juries, eye witnesses, expert witnesses, and court staff. Fall semester.

Prerequisite: CRMJ 1000 and CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

Proposed:

CRMJ 3250 - Courts

(3) Credit Hours

An overview of the role of the actors in the American courtroom, the interaction of these actors and the effect of social forces on their behavior. Includes prosecutor, plaintiff and defense lawyers, judges, juries, eye witnesses, expert witnesses, and court staff. Fall semester. Prerequisite: CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

Present:

CRMJ 3500 - Media and the Criminal Justice System

(3) Credit Hours

Critical exploration of media portrayals of crime and criminal justice. News and entertainment genres are examined. Connections between crime, culture, politics, society and individual behavior, and the mass media receive special attention. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1000 and CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

## Proposed:

CRMJ 3500 - Media and the Criminal Justice System

(3) Credit Hours

Critical exploration of media portrayals of crime and criminal justice. News and entertainment genres are examined. Connections between crime, culture, politics, society and individual behavior, and the mass media receive special attention. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1100 or department head approval.

#### ITEM 3

## Proposed:

CRMJ 3XXX – Race, Class, Gender and Crime

(3) Credit Hours

This course will examine unique issues raised by race/ethnicity, social class, and gender when analyzed in relationship to crime and social control. Special emphasis is placed on the interaction of these factors in relation to victimization, criminal behavior, and criminal justice responses. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1100, CRMJ 2XXX, or department head approval.

#### Present:

CRMJ 4300 - Philosophical and Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice

(3) Credit Hours

An investigation into the implications for criminal justice theory and practice of selected philosophical positions and perspectives. Spring semester. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1000 and CRMJ 1100 and junior standing or department head approval.

#### Proposed:

CRMJ 4300 - Ethics in Criminal Justice

(3) Credit Hours

An investigation into the implications for criminal justice theory and practice of selected philosophical positions and perspectives. Spring semester. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1100, CRMJ 2XXX, and junior standing or department head approval.

#### Present:

CRMJ 4850 - Advanced Community Engagement Serminar

(3) Credit Hours

Students will plan, design, and carry out a research project on a criminal or juvenile justice issue in the community. Final projects will be grounded in relevant literature and will emphasize the integration of knowledge acquired in previous courses. Final projects which report the results of the study will be presented in a formal research seminar. For Criminal Justice majors only. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1000, CRMJ 1100, CRMJ 3110, and senior standing or department head approval.

#### Proposed:

CRMJ 4850 - Community Engagement Seminar

(3) Credit Hours

Students will plan, design, and carry out a research project on a criminal justice issue in the community. Final projects will be grounded in relevant literature and will emphasize the integration of knowledge acquired in

previous courses. Final projects which report the results of the study will be presented in a formal research seminar. For Criminal Justice majors only. Prerequisites: CRMJ 1100, CRMJ 2XXX, CRMJ 3100, 3110, 3120, 3250, and senior standing or department head approval.

## Criminal Justice Program Outcomes:

- Identify and apply the major theoretical perspectives in criminology and criminal justice and apply the social and policy implications to these approaches.
- 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).
- 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.
- Identify, analyze, and interpret data on and related to crime and apply these concepts written and orally.
- 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.