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**Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet - University-Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**

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Check all appropriate lines and complete information as requested. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and for each program proposal.

**1. Course Proposals (check all that apply)**

- New Course                       Course Prefix Change                       Course Deletion  
 Course Revision                       Course Number and/or Title Change                       Catalog Description Change

Current Course prefix, number and full title                      Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing

**2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate**

- This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course.                       Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African)  
 This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.

**3. Program Proposals**

- New Degree Program                       Catalog Description Change                       Program Revision  
 New Minor Program                       Program Title Change                       Other  
 New Track

Bachelor of Arts - Criminology

Current program name                      Proposed program name, if changing

**4. Approvals**

		Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	Jamie S. Martin	11-08-02
Department Chair(s)	Jamie Miller	11-08-02
College Curriculum Committee Chair	Sandra Baly	11/13/02
College Dean	[Signature]	11/13/02
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *	[Signature]	11/25/02
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	Gail Sedquist	3/11/03

\* where applicable

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## **II. Description of the Curriculum Change**

### **1) New Catalog Description**

The Department of Criminology offers students seeking careers in criminology a broad liberal arts education that encourages them to think critically about crime and justice issues and also prepares them for careers in the criminal justice system. The degree offered is the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology Pre-Law. Additionally, students may minor in Criminology. Through the Graduate School the department also offers graduate work at both the master's and doctoral level.

The program in Criminology has a fivefold objective:

1. The education of students for employment and leadership in the expanding field of criminology and criminal justice
2. The education of presently employed criminal justice personnel who recognize a need for furthering their education
3. The instruction of students who wish to acquire an understanding of the processes of criminal justice as a cultural part of their higher education
4. The instruction of students who wish to prepare for graduate study and/or research in criminology
5. A curriculum that provides an excellent foundation for students preparing for a career in law

Nearly every level of government offers opportunities for professional careers in criminology. For example, employment opportunities normally exist in more than fifty federal agencies (e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S. Department of Treasury, Federal Bureau of Prisons). Graduates will also find employment in local and state organizations including law enforcement (e.g., Pennsylvania State Police, various municipal police departments) and correctional agencies (e.g., probation, parole, Pennsylvania Department of Corrections). Additionally, there are a wide variety of opportunities in the expanding fields of private, commercial, and industrial security, including cyber security. Furthermore, many governmental agencies have specialized units dealing with juveniles, community relations, training, education, and research.

Career opportunities are available also in research and teaching at the college and university levels and in research divisions of various agencies.

Students who wish to change their major to Criminology or Criminology/Pre-Law, or to minor in Criminology must have an overall GPA of 2.50 at the time of application to be accepted formally by the department.

**Bachelor of Arts – Criminology**

**Liberal Studies** – As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: **51**

**Mathematics:** MATH 217

**Natural Science:** CHEM 111-112 or BIOL 103-104 recommended

**Social Science:** CRIM 101

**Liberal Studies Elective:** No courses with CRIM prefix; 6 credits required

**College:** Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1) **0-6**

**Major:** **39**

**Required Courses:**

CRIM 102	Survey of Criminology	3 sh
CRIM 306	Criminological Research Methods	3 sh
CRIM 400 /W/	Theoretical Criminology	3 sh
CRIM 401	Contemporary Issues in Criminology	3 sh
CRIM 403	Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3 sh

**Controlled Electives:**

These electives cover the following areas: (A) The Criminal Justice System, (B) Critical Issues in Criminology, and (C) Diversity Issues in Criminology. A minimum of two courses must be chosen from each Group.

**GROUP A: The Criminal Justice System:**

		6 sh
CRIM 205	Law Enforcement and the Community	3 sh
CRIM 215	Survey of Courts and the Criminal Justice System	3 sh
CRIM 225	Survey of Corrections	3 sh
CRIM 235	Survey of Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Law	3 sh
CRIM 255	Law, Social Control, and Society	3 sh

**GROUP B: Critical Issues in Criminology**

		6 sh
CRIM 354	White Collar Crime	3 sh
CRIM 374	Environmental Crime and Justice	3 sh
CRIM 384	Violence and Victimology	3 sh
CRIM 394	Crime and Delinquency Prevention	3 sh

**GROUP C: Diversity Issues in Criminology**

		6 sh
CRIM 410	Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime	3 sh
CRIM 450	Women and Crime	3 sh
CRIM 470	Comparative Study of Justice	3 sh

Other CRIM electives beyond CRIM 101 **6 sh (2)**

**Other Requirements:**

Minor/Concentration **18-21**

**Free Electives:**

**3-12**

**Total Degree Requirements:**

**120**

- (1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
- (2) No more than 6sh of CRIM 493 may be applied to 39sh minimum in major.

2) **Summary of Changes**  
**a) Table Comparing Old and New Curriculum**

<b>Old</b>	<b>New</b>
<b>Bachelor of Arts – Criminology</b>	<b>Bachelor of Arts – Criminology</b>
<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: <b>53-55</b>	<b>Liberal Studies:</b> As outlined in the Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: <b>51</b>
<b>Liberal Studies Electives:</b> no courses with CRIM prefix	<b>Mathematics:</b> MATH 217
	<b>Natural Sciences:</b> CHEM 111-112 or BIOL 103-104 recommended
	<b>Social Science:</b> CRIM 101
	<b>Liberal Studies Electives:</b> no courses with CRIM prefix; 6 credits required
<b>College:</b> <b>0-6</b>	<b>College:</b> <b>0-6</b>
Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)	Foreign Language Intermediate Level (1)
<b>Major:</b> <b>36</b>	<b>Major:</b> <b>39</b>
<b>Required Courses</b>	<b>Required Courses</b>
CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology 3sh	CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology 3sh
CRIM 210 Criminal Law 3sh	CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods 3sh
CRIM 300 Theory of Complex Criminal Justice Organizations 3sh	CRIM 400/W/ Theoretical Criminology 3sh
CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods 3sh	CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology 3sh
CRIM 400 Theoretical Criminology 3sh	CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice 3sh
CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology 3sh	
<b>Controlled Electives:</b>	<b>Controlled Electives:</b> select 2 from each group
One course from CRIM 416/451/470/491 3sh	Group A: The Criminal Justice System 6sh
Five additional CRIM electives 15sh (2)	CRIM 205 Law Enforcement and the Community
	CRIM 215 Survey of Courts and the Criminal Justice System
	CRIM 225 Survey of Corrections
	CRIM 235 Survey of Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Law
	CRIM 255 Law, Social Control, and Society
	Group B: Critical Issues in Criminology 6sh
	CRIM 354 White Collar Crime
	CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice
	CRIM 384 Violence and Victimology
	CRIM 394 Crime and Delinquency Prevention.
	Group C: Diversity Issues in Criminology 6sh
	CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime
	CRIM 450 Women and Crime
	CRIM 470 Comparative Study of Justice
	Two CRIM electives 6sh (2)
	<b>Minor/Concentration</b> <b>18-21</b>
<b>Free Electives: (3)</b> <b>27-35</b>	<b>Free Electives:</b> <b>3-12</b>
<b>Total Degree Requirements</b> <b>124</b>	<b>Total Degree Requirements</b> <b>120</b>
(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.	(1) Intermediate-level Foreign Language may be included in Liberal Studies electives.
(2) No more than 6sh of CRIM 493 may be applied to 36sh minimum in major.	(2) No more than 6sh of CRIM 493 may be applied to 36sh minimum in major.
(3) Students selecting a minor may apply no more than 15sh outside the College of Humanities and Social Sciences without special approval.	

- b) Summary List of All Associated Changes for Criminology Major**
- 1) **Liberal Studies Changes**
    - a) Specification of Liberal Studies Math requirement
    - b) Recommendation of Natural Science requirement
    - c) Specification of one social science course
  - 2) **Departmental Changes – Credits increase from 36 to 39\***
    - a) Removal of two courses from Major Required List:
      - i) CRIM 210 – Criminal Law
      - ii) CRIM 300 – Theory of Complex CJ Organizations
    - b) Addition of one course to Major Required List:
      - i) CRIM 403 – Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice
    - c) Expansion of Controlled Electives from 1 to 6
      - i) Two electives from Group A
      - ii) Two electives from Group B
      - iii) Two electives from Group C
    - d) Reduction of Criminology Electives from 5 to 2
  - 3) **Other Changes**
    - a) Minor or Concentration is required for all Criminology B.A. students
    - b) Reduction in free electives
- 3) Rationale for Changes**
- 1) **Rationale for Changes in Liberal Studies**  
 The Liberal Studies specification list for Criminology students is being changed to better prepare our students for the positions they will pursue, be it a position in a criminal justice agency or organization (local, state or federal) or graduate education. Given the fact that much of the information in our discipline is statistical (e.g. the UCR – which provides us with crime rates and the NCVS – which provides us with victimization data), students will now be required to complete MATH 217 Probability and Statistics to insure that they possess a basic understanding of descriptive and inferential statistics. Due to an increased interest in forensic science, we are recommending that Criminology students complete either BIOL 103 and 104 or CHEM 111 and 112. CRIM 101 is specified as a social science course, but it will not count toward major requirements.
  - 2) **Rationale for changes to major required courses**
    - a) Removal of two required courses:
      - i) CRIM 210 Criminal Law is being removed from the major required courses. Given the diverse interests of our majors this course is too narrowly focused to be an effective requirement. This course will remain as a CRIM elective for those interested in this area.

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\* Data were examined to determine the average number of Criminology credits that graduating Criminology students completed. For Criminology graduates in December, 2001 and May and August, 2002 the average number of IUP Criminology credits taken was 43.28.

- ii) CRIM 300 is being removed from the major required list. Group A of the controlled electives will subsume the content of this course.
- b) Addition of one major required course:
  - i) CRIM 403 is being added to the major required course list. It is obvious that nearly every career track for criminology majors includes positions where they will face complex issues and decisions (e.g. use of deadly force, use of certain investigative techniques, appropriateness of the death penalty). This course is developed to provide students with the opportunity to consider such issues and decisions in a classroom setting prior to facing them in real life.
  - c) Expansion of Controlled Electives
 

The controlled electives are being expanded to insure that students pursuing a B.A. in Criminology complete coursework that focuses on three necessary but distinct areas: the Criminal Justice System, Critical Issues in Criminology, and Diversity Issues in Criminology. While our discipline has no licensing or accrediting body, one of our national organizations, the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) has developed “minimum standards for criminal justice education”. These minimum standards are met with the addition of group A of the controlled electives. Groups B and C are added to insure that our students are receiving requisite coverage of critical issues and issues of diversity in the field of criminology and criminal justice.
  - d) Reduction of Criminology Electives
 

The number of criminology electives is reduced because of the increase in the number of controlled electives that students will be completing.
- 3) Other Changes
  - a) Minor or concentration is required of all CRIM B.A. students
 

To encourage our students to pursue a diversified course of study, and to be better prepared for graduate school or a criminal justice career, a minor or concentration will be required for graduation.
  - b) Reduction in free electives
 

Due to the addition of the minor requirement, and the 3-credit increase in the major, the number of free electives must be reduced.

### **III: Implementation**

- 1) **Effect on students in the existing program.**

In the transition period, we will continue to regularly offer the courses they are required to complete. Further, we will accommodate students with unique

problems on an individual basis. We anticipate a minimum number of problems, and none that we cannot resolve in the students best interest.

2) **Effect on teaching loads.**

The revised curriculum will have no effect on teaching load. In fact, because of the addition of the controlled elective groupings, we anticipate being able to offer more seats to our undergraduates (see Appendix A).

No additional faculty will be needed beyond the number currently in the department, provided that the three permanent faculty positions currently held by temporary faculty since recent retirements are retained. These positions should be converted as soon as possible for the continued support of our program.

3) **Effect on resources.**

The revised curriculum will not require additional resources.

4) **Effect on enrollments.**

The addition of the controlled electives (especially Group A) will likely result in an increase in the number of seats available for our majors. Further, because our students will be required to complete a minor, we anticipate that this will reduce the demand on criminology elective courses. Otherwise, we do not anticipate these changes to impact enrollments.

See sample student flow sheet on the following page.

# Criminology B.A - Curriculum Flow Sheet

<p><b>First Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 101                    3</p> <p>HIST 195                    3</p> <p>HPED 143 Or FDNT 143                    3</p> <p>Or MLSC 101 (2)                4</p> <p>BIOL 103 or CHEM 111    4</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12 or 13</b></p>	<p><b>Second Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 102                    3</p> <p>ENGL 101                    4</p> <p>Fine Arts                    3</p> <p>MLSC 102 (2)                4</p> <p>BIOL 104 or CHEM 112    3</p> <p>Social Science (if no MLSC)    4</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>16 or 17</b></p>	<p><b>Third Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM Controlled "A"        3</p> <p>MATH 217                    3</p> <p>ENGL 121                    3</p> <p>PHIL/RLST                    3</p> <p>Foreign Language            3 or 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15 or 16</b></p>	<p><b>Fourth Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 306                    3</p> <p>CRIM Controlled "A"        3</p> <p>Social Science/Non-Western    3</p> <p>ENGL 202                    3</p> <p>Foreign Language            3 or 4</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15 or 16</b></p>
<p><b>Fifth Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 400 /W/                3</p> <p>CRIM Controlled "B"        3</p> <p>Foreign Language (if needed)    3 or 4</p> <p>Minor Course                3</p> <p>Free Elective or LS elective    3</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15 or 16</b></p>	<p><b>Sixth Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 401                    3</p> <p>CRIM Controlled "B"        3</p> <p>Minor Course                3</p> <p>Minor Course                3</p> <p>Free Elective or LS elective    3</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Seventh Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM 403                    3</p> <p>CRIM Controlled "C"        3</p> <p>Minor Course                3</p> <p>Minor Course                3</p> <p>LBST 499                    3</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>Eighth Semester</b></p> <p>CRIM Controlled "C"        3</p> <p>CRIM Elective                3</p> <p>CRIM Elective                3</p> <p>Minor Course /W/            3</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></p>



#### **IV. Periodic Assessment**

- 1) The Criminology Department Curriculum Committee [DCC] will be maintained as a standing committee. The DCC is responsible for evaluating all proposed course additions, deletions, and changes, and making recommendations to the faculty.
  - i. Annual assessment: The final meeting of the year will include an assessment of curriculum changes during the academic year.
  - ii. Five-year review: The DCC will be responsible for a comprehensive review of the curriculum as part of the Department's five-year review. The comprehensive review will include:
    1. Review of all changes, additions, and deletions during the five-year period.
    2. "Exit" surveys of graduating seniors. The surveys will most likely be distributed at the final scheduling meeting\* for the senior class. The surveys have not been developed, but will address issues such as:
      - a. Need for coverage of new or different aspects of the discipline
      - b. Perceived strengths of the undergraduate curriculum
      - c. Perceived weaknesses of the undergraduate curriculum
  - iii. Group discussions with faculty members. The discussions will most likely take place at a faculty meeting convened for this purpose. Topics will include, but not be limited to:
    1. Need for coverage of new or different aspects of the discipline
    2. Perceived strengths of the undergraduate curriculum
    3. Perceived weaknesses of the undergraduate curriculum
  - iv. Surveys of the course offerings (available on-line) of similar programs.

#### **V. Course Proposals – begin on page 25**

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\* Due to the number of majors (currently about 1000), the Criminology Department schedules group meetings, organized by class year, to distribute registration materials and to present class specific information about scheduling and graduation requirements. We expect to distribute the questionnaires during both fall and spring meetings for graduating seniors.