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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		
<u>Current</u> Course prefix, number and full title		<u>Proposed</u> 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 ☐ Program Title Change ☐ Program Revision ☐ New Minor Program ☐ New Track ☐ Other		
<u>Current</u> program name		<u>Proposed</u> program name, if changing
4. Approvals		
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Kathleen J. Hancock</i>	10-1-10
Department Chair(s)	<i>Phyllis Witt</i>	10-4-10
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>Janet Wacker</i>	10-25-10
College Dean	<i>Dr. Jacqueline Burr</i>	10-25-10
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *		
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail S. Schuist</i>	1/18/11

* where applicable

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Liberal Studies

Part II. Description of Curriculum Change

Part II. 1. Catalog description for the revised program:

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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 also will 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 cybersecurity. Furthermore, many governmental agencies have specialized units dealing with juveniles, community relations, training, education, and research. Career opportunities also are available in research and teaching at the college and university levels and in research divisions of various agencies.

Minor–Criminology	18 (1)
Required Courses:	
CRIM 101 Crime and Justice Systems	3cr (2)
CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology	3cr
CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology	3cr
CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3cr
Two additional CRIM electives, one chosen from Controlled Electives Group B and one from Group C	6cr (3, 4)

- (1) Must have formal Criminology Department approval to be admitted to minor in Criminology.
- (2) Meets Liberal Studies Social Science requirement.
- (3) For students in the Computer Science Information Assurance major, CRIM 321 may be substituted for Group B elective.
- (4) For students in the Computer Science Information Assurance major, CRIM 323 may be substituted for Group C elective.

Part II. 2. Summary of Changes

2a. Table comparing old and new program descriptions.

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2b. Associated course changes.

1) Catalog description change for availability of a criminology minor.

3. Rationale for change. Currently, the criminology program has approximately 931 undergraduate majors and 60 minors. Additionally, the department offers classes to 134 pre-law students from other departments. Of the 931 majors, 328 (35%) are freshmen. Based on current recruiting trends and future staffing projections, it is anticipated that the department will have insufficient allocations (faculty) to continue to provide required classes for criminology majors, criminology minors, and pre-law students. The department's primary obligation is to its undergraduate majors, followed by its obligation to the pre-law program (changes would impact other departments). Restricting the minor will assist the department in fulfilling its obligations to its undergraduate majors and to other departments' pre-law students. Since a criminology minor is mandatory for completion of the Computer Science/Information Assurance Track, this obligation will continue to be honored so as not to impact the students enrolling into that program.

Part III. Implementation

Part III. 1. How will the proposed revisions affect students already in the existing program?

Students in the existing program will be permitted to complete their minor in criminology. Starting Spring 2011 (201050) students will no longer be permitted to select a criminology minor unless they are enrolled in the Computer Science/Information Assurance Track.

Part III. 2. Are faculty resources adequate?

The reduction of criminology minor students releases faculty assets to facilitate required criminology courses.

Part III. 3. Are other resources adequate?

The reduction of criminology minor students reduces the resource requirements for the department.

Part III. 4. Do you expect an increase or decrease in the number of students as a result of these revisions?

The revisions will have no impact on the number of criminology undergraduate students.

Part IV. Periodic Assessment

Part IV. 1. Describe the evaluation plan. Include evaluation criteria. Specify how student input will be incorporated into the evaluation process.

Long-term program assessment is conducted through the five-year review, which incorporates both an outside reviewer and input from current and past students. Annually, informal program assessment is conducted by the department's undergraduate curriculum committee; with input from the Temporary Faculty Screening Committee, the Criminology Teaching Circle members, the Criminology Advising Center, the Department's Executive Committee, and student input solicited or unsolicited by faculty members and the criminology advising center. The multiple source information is distributed/shared through various venues with the faculty members and the department's chair. Any shortcomings are then addressed through policy recommendations to the faculty from the appropriate committee (undergraduate curriculum committee, executive committee, advising center, etc.).

Part IV. 2. Specify the frequency of the evaluations.

Program evaluations are on-going and issues are addressed as identified. A formal program assessment is conducted every five years, but semester and annual program evaluations are conducted by the department's undergraduate curriculum committee at the beginning and end of each semester, focusing on retention, recruitment, student issues and concerns, advising center data, etc.

Part IV. 3. Identify the evaluating entity.

Internal assessments are ongoing, with the primary evaluating entity being the department's undergraduate curriculum committee with input from other internal and external committees, individual faculty members, students, and the advising center. Long-term assessments are a combination of internal and external evaluators.

Part V. Course Proposals

Proposal submitted requesting changes decreasing the number of criminology credits necessary to complete the criminology program from 39 to 33, and increasing the number of free electives from 9 – 15 to 15 – 21.

Proposal submitted requesting changes decreasing the number of criminology credits necessary to complete the criminology pre-law program from 39 to 33, and increasing the number of free electives from 9 – 15 to 15 – 21.

Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

Not applicable.