

**Curriculum Proposal Cover Sheet – form is available on-line as an interactive PDF**

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

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Check all appropriate lines and complete all information. Use a separate cover sheet for each course proposal and/or 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Received**

Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate**

**Liberal Studies**

This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course (please mark the appropriate categories below)  
 Learning Skills     Knowledge Area     Global and Multicultural Awareness     Writing Intensive (include W cover sheet)  
 Liberal Studies Elective (please mark the designation(s) that applies – must meet at least one)

Global Citizenship                       Information Literacy                       Oral Communication  
 Quantitative Reasoning                       Scientific Literacy                       Technological Literacy

**3. Other Designations, as appropriate**

Honors College Course                       Other: (e.g. Women's Studies, Pan African)

**4. Program Proposals**

Catalog Description Change     Program Revision     Program Title Change                       New Track  
 New Degree Program                       New Minor Program     Liberal Studies Requirement Changes     Other

Current program name: Bachelor of Arts - Criminology

Proposed program name, if changing: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>John A. Lewis</i>	12 Sep 13
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>[Signature]</i>	9/13/13
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>Jan K Wachter</i>	9/30/2013
College Dean	<i>[Signature]</i>	9.30.13
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)	<i>[Signature]</i>	10/22/13
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Sedquist</i>	10/29/13

**Part II. Description of Curriculum Change**

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

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 degrees offered are the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology and the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Criminology Pre-Law track. Additionally, students enrolled in the Computer Science/Information Assurance Track may minor in Criminology. Through the School of Graduate Studies and Research, the department also offers graduate work at both the master's and doctoral levels.

- 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 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.

**Bachelor of Arts–Criminology**

**Liberal Studies:** As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: 46-47

**Mathematics:** MATH 217

**Natural Science:** SCI 107/117 and CHEM 105 or BIOL 106 and BIOL 107 recommended

**Social Science:** CRIM 101

**Liberal Studies Electives:** 6cr, no courses with CRIM prefix

**Major:** 33

**Required Courses:**

CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology 3cr

CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods 3cr

CRIM 400 Theoretical Criminology 3cr

CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology 3cr

CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice 3cr

**Controlled Electives:**

Select two courses from each group:

*Group A: The Criminal Justice System* 6cr

CRIM 205 Policing 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* 6cr

CRIM 344 Terrorism

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* 6cr

CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime

CRIM 450 Women and Crime

CRIM 470 Comparative Study of Justice

**Free Electives (1):** 40-41

**Total Degree Requirements:** 120

(1) Completion of a minor is strongly recommended

**Part II. 2. Summary of Changes**

**2a. Table comparing old and new programs**

<b>Bachelor of Arts–Criminology</b>	
Liberal Studies: As outlined in Liberal Studies section with the following specifications: Mathematics: MATH 217 Natural Science: CHEM 111-112 or BIOL 103 – 104 recommended Social Science: CRIM 101 Liberal Studies Electives: 6cr, no courses with CRIM prefix	46-47
Major:	33
Required Courses:	
CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology	3cr
CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods	3cr
CRIM 400 Theoretical Criminology	3cr
CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology	3cr
CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3cr
Controlled Electives:	
Select two courses from each group:	
<i>Group A: The Criminal Justice System</i>	6cr
CRIM 205 Policing 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	
<i>Group B: Critical Issues in Criminology</i>	6cr
CRIM 344 Terrorism	
CRIM 354 White Collar Crime	
CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice	
CRIM 384 Violence and Victimology	
CRIM 394 Crime and Delinquency Prevention	
<i>Group C: Diversity Issues in Criminology</i>	6cr
CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime	
CRIM 450 Women and Crime	
CRIM 470 Comparative Study of Justice	
Minor/Concentration:	15-21
Free Electives:	19-26
Total Degree Requirements:	120

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Major:	33
Required Courses:	
CRIM 102 Survey of Criminology	3cr
CRIM 306 Criminological Research Methods	3cr
CRIM 400 Theoretical Criminology	3cr
CRIM 401 Contemporary Issues in Criminology	3cr
CRIM 403 Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3cr
Controlled Electives:	
Select two courses from each group:	
<i>Group A: The Criminal Justice System</i>	6cr
CRIM 205 Policing 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	
<i>Group B: Critical Issues in Criminology</i>	6cr
CRIM 344 Terrorism	
CRIM 354 White Collar Crime	
CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice	
CRIM 384 Violence and Victimology	
CRIM 394 Crime and Delinquency Prevention	
<i>Group C: Diversity Issues in Criminology</i>	6cr
CRIM 410 Race, Ethnicity, Social Structure, and Crime	
CRIM 450 Women and Crime	
CRIM 470 Comparative Study of Justice	
Free Electives (1):	40-41
Total Degree Requirements:	120
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2b. Associated course changes.

- 1) Natural Science recommendation changed (only a recommendation).
- 2) Required 15 to 18 credit minor removed.
- 3) Free elective credits increased to account for removal of minor requirement.
- 4) Comment (1) added strongly recommending completion of a minor.

3. Rationale for change. Changing the degree minor requirement from required to recommended permits students to focus earlier on a double major in complementary programs where the curriculum permits 27 or more free electives (e.g., Music, Theater, Asian Studies, Anthropology, Economics, English, History, Journalism, Geography, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Sociology, etc.). Approval of the minor from “required” to “recommended” should enhance recruiting efforts for both the Department of Criminology and plausibly other departments at IUP.

Additionally, the criminology department has changed its recommendation for natural science courses to courses developed by departments in the College of Natural Science and Mathematics with letters of support from the Criminology department. Finally, a comment was added strongly recommending Criminology students to complete a minor.

### **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 informed of the change (if approved) and will fall under the new proposal revisions, which permits them the latitude to either complete a minor, select a second major, or count credits already completed towards a minor as free electives.

#### **Part III. 2. Are faculty resources adequate?**

Faculty resources are not impacted either inside or outside of the Criminology department as the students still are permitted to select their LS Natural Science courses and their free electives/recommended minor.

#### **Part III. 3. Are other resources adequate?**

There is no resource impact.

#### **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 students in the department.

### **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. Additionally, the department’s program content is compared to other nationally ranked programs (i.e., University of Maryland, SUNY-Albany, Sam Houston State, etc.). 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 catalog program description change (see page 3 and 4 for requested change).

Proposal pending for the Criminology Pre-Law program, which could be in compliance with PASSHE 1990-06-A as University directed credits as the Pre-Law requirements impact multiple departments and colleges.

**Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement**

Not applicable.