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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) <input type="checkbox"/> New Course <input type="checkbox"/> Course Prefix Change <input type="checkbox"/> Course Deletion <input type="checkbox"/> Course Revision <input type="checkbox"/> Course Number and/or Title Change <input type="checkbox"/> Catalog Description Change		
<u>Current Course prefix, number and full title</u>		<u>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</u>
2. Additional Course Designations: check if appropriate <input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as a Liberal Studies Course. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (e.g., Women's Studies, Pan-African) <input type="checkbox"/> This course is also proposed as an Honors College Course.		
3. Program Proposals <input type="checkbox"/> New Degree Program <input type="checkbox"/> Program Title Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Program Revision <input type="checkbox"/> New Minor Program <input type="checkbox"/> New Track <input type="checkbox"/> Other		
<u>Bachelor of Arts-Criminology</u>		<u>Proposed program name, if changing</u>
4. Approvals		
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Kathleen J. Hammer</i>	10-1-10
Department Chair(s)	<i>Shy M...</i>	10-4-10
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>Jan K. Wachter</i>	10-25-10
College Dean	<i>Dr. Jacqueline Beck</i>	10-25-10
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *	<i>Debra J. ...</i>	1/11/11
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail S. Schust</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:

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:	51
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	
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:	15-21
Total Degree Requirements:	120

Part II. 2. Summary of Changes

2a. Table comparing old and new programs

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Social Science: CRIM 101	
Liberal Studies Electives: 6cr, no courses with CRIM prefix	
Major:	39
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:	
Two CRIM electives	6cr (1)
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:	9-15
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(1) No more than 6cr of CRIM 493 may be applied to 39cr minimum in major.	

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2b. Associated course changes.

- 1) Catalog description change in availability of a Criminology minor (proposal submitted).
- 2) 6 credits of criminology electives changed to 6 credits of free electives
- 3) Major required course credits reduced from 39 to 33.
- 4) Free electives credits increased from 9 – 15 to 15 – 21.
- 5) Comment (1) removed as it no longer applies.

3. Rationale for change. Reducing the major required credits to 33, places the criminology department’s major requirements closer to the other social science programs on campus (i.e., Anthropology, 36 cr; Economics, 27 cr; Political Science, 33 cr; Sociology, 33 cr). Additionally, the criminology department supports the UWUCC’s belief that any degree program is stronger if it includes the opportunity for students to select freely at least some courses that reflect their own intellectual interests (Undergraduate Curriculum Handbook, 2009 [R], p. 87).

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 permit them the latitude to select classes outside the discipline to complete their elective requirements, but does not preclude them from selecting classes from inside the discipline to complete their elective requirements. Any criminology electives already completed other than the 18 required criminology controlled electives would fall under the category of free electives.

Part III. 2. Are faculty resources adequate?

The reduction of the criminology electives releases faculty assets to facilitate required criminology courses.

Part III. 3. Are other resources adequate?

The reduction of the criminology electives 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 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 2 for requested change).
Proposal submitted requesting identical changes as listed above for the Criminology Pre-Law program.

Part VI. Letters of Support or Acknowledgement

Not applicable.