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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

<i>Current Course prefix, number and full title</i>	CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice
	<i>Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing</i>

**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**

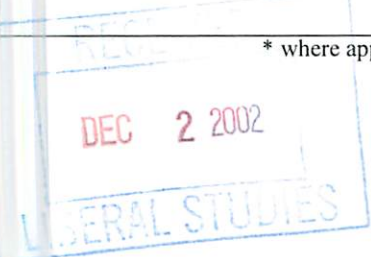
New Degree Program                       Program Title Change                       Program Revision

New Minor Program                       New Track                       Other

<i>Current program name</i>	<i>Proposed program name, if changing</i>
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4. Approvals		Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>Jamie S. Martin</i>	11-08-02
Department Chair(s)	<i>James Kover</i>	11-08-02
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/13/02
College Dean	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/8/02
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/25/02
Additional signatures as appropriate: (include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Dechurst</i>	3/11/03

\* where applicable



**ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME AND JUSTICE**  
Syllabus of Record

**I. Catalogue Description**

CRIM 374 Environmental Crime and Justice

3 Class hours

0 lab hours

Prerequisites: CRIM 101 and CRIM 102

3 semester hours

(3c-01-3sh)

The course introduces students to the developing area of criminological solutions to environmental problems. Issues addressed include: the nature of environmental offenders and victims, the variety of approaches to achieving environmental justice, and criminal justice solutions to specific environmental problems.

**II. Course Objectives**

Students will:

- A. Examine the nature of environmental crime and justice.
- B. Identify environmental victims and offenders.
- C. Analyze the differences and similarities between "Green Crime" and "Ordinary Crime".
- D. Identify the causes of Environmental Problems
- E. Compare and contrast the various legal solutions to environmental problems, specifically the role of civil law, regulatory law and criminal law.
- F. Evaluate the role of the Criminal Justice System in enforcing, prosecuting and preventing Green Crime.

**III. Detailed Course Outline**

Section One: *Introduction to Environmental Offenses*

Week One: Victims and Offenders (3 hours lecture)

Week Two: Ecological Reality: The Laws of Ecology (3hours lecture)

Week Three: Socio-Political Reality: Industrialism and Environmental Problems (3 hours lecture)

Section Two: *Environmental Justice*

Week Four: Civil, Regulatory and Criminal Law (3 hours lecture)

Week Five: The CJS Role in Enforcement, Prosecution and Prevention of Green Crime (3 hours lecture)

Week Six: Levels of Law: Local, State, Federal and International (3 hours lecture)

Section Three: *The Range of Environmental Problems: Sources and Solutions*

Week Seven: Introduction to Problems—Degradation, Depletion and Transformation (2 hours lecture)

Midterm Exam (1 hour)

Week Eight: Garbage—Dividing a Solution into Two Problems (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Nine: Garbage—Toxics and Hazardous Substances (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Ten: Fresh Water (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Eleven: Oceans (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Twelve: Non-Human Animals( 3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Thirteen: Major Transformations (Climate Change, Global Warming, O3 Depletion) (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Week Fourteen: Emerging Infectious Diseases (3 hours lecture/discussion)

Final Exam

**IV. Evaluation Methods**

Requirements:

Midterm Examination—200 points

Final Examination—400 points

Group Project—400 points (200 allocated to group product, 200 to individual contributions to group product)

Total—1000 points

Grading Scale: A=900-1000, B=800-899, C=700-799, D=600-699, F=Below 600

Group Project, Description: The class will be divided into 5-6 groups of 5-6 persons each. Each group will pick a particular geographical location in which they are interested (their home region, or a region they desire to live in the future are typical choices.) Each group will research their chosen area in terms of environmental problems and possible solutions. Group products will include: contribution to the discussion of environmental problems (section III of the course, detailed above) and a group paper.

## **V. Attendance Policy**

Individual faculty will denote an attendance policy on specific course syllabi.

## **VI. Required Textbooks**

Frona, M. Powell (1998). *Law and the Environment*. No city given, a division of International Thomson Publishing Co. West Publishing Company.

Mary Clifford (1998). *Environmental crime: Enforcement, policy and social responsibility*. Gaithersburg, Maryland: Aspen Publishers.

## **VII. Special Resource Requirements**

Assumes student access to world-wide web

## **VIII. Bibliography**

### **A. Printed Material**

Bierne, P. and South, N. (Eds.). (1998). For a Green Criminology. *Special Issue of Theoretical Criminology*, 2, (2), 147-287.

Clifford, M. (1998). *Environmental Crime: Enforcement, Policy and Social Responsibility*. Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen.

Edwards, S. M., Edwards, T. D. and Fields, C.B. (1996). *Environmental Crime and Criminality*. New York: Garland.

Findley, R.W. and Farber, D.A. (1992). *Environmental Law*. St. Paul Minnesota: West Publishing Co.

Seis, M. (Guest Ed.). (1999). Special Issue on Environmental Justice Policy. *Criminal Justice Policy Review*, 10, (2).

Situ, Y. and Emmons, D. (2000). *Environmental Crime: The Criminal Justice System's Role in Protecting the Environment*. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Switzer, J. V. (1994). *Environmental Politics: Domestic and Global Dimensions*. New York: St. Martin's Press.

Valente, C. M. and Valente, W. D. (1995). *Introduction to Environmental Law and Policy*. Minneapolis: West Publishing Company.

Wilson, N. K. (1996). An Ecofeminist Critique of Environmental Criminal Law. In, Edwards, S. M., Edwards, T. D. and Fields, C.B. (Eds.), *Environmental Crime and Criminality*. (pp. 147-162). New York: Garland.

Wilson, N. K. (1998). Environmental Ethics, Criminal Law, and Environmental Crime. In, Clifford, M. (Ed.), *Environmental Crime: Enforcement, Policy and Social Responsibility*. Gaithersburg, MD: Aspen.

Wilson, N. K. (1999). Shame and the Sacred: Some Emerging Problems of Green Crime. *Platte Valley Review*, 27, (2), 36-47.

Wilson, N. K. (2001). Environmental Crime and Justice. In, M.A. Dupont-Morales, Michael K. Hooper and Judy Schmidt (Eds.), *Handbook of Criminal Justice Administration*. New York: Marcel Dekker.

## **B. Web Resources**

Environmental Defense Fund. Environmental Defense. Pollution Locator. <http://www.scorecard.org>.

Environmental Protection Agency. <http://www.epa.gov>

Sierra Club. <http://www.sierraclub.org>

Worldwatch Institute. <http://www.worldwatch.org>

Course Analysis Questionnaire: CRIM 374  
Environmental Crime and Justice

Section A: Details of the Course

- A1 The proposed course is part of the Critical Issues in Criminology "Group B" controlled electives. It is offered for majors and minors only.
- A2 This course does not require changes in the content of existing courses within our program.
- A3 This course has been offered at IUP on a trial basis. The course was offered on three occasions during the early 1990s; we have been unable to determine which semesters.
- A4 The course will NOT be dual-listed.
- A5 The course will NOT be taken for variable credit.
- A6 This course is frequently found at other higher education institutions. Current examples are listed on the pages immediately following this Course Analysis Questionnaire.
- A7 The content of the course is not recommended by a professional society. Our discipline does not have an accreditation program; instead, one of the two main professional societies (the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences [ACJS]) has published "minimum standards for criminal justice education" (see Appendix B). The standards do not address this course.

Section B: Interdisciplinary Implications

- B1 The course will be taught by a single instructor.
- B2 The course content is specific to our major; we see no conflict with the courses offered by other departments.
- B3 Seats in the course will be restricted to Criminology majors and Criminology Pre-Law majors, and minors.

Section C: Implementation

- C1 Faculty resources are adequate. The proposed course is part of a major program revision. The program revision was designed to fit departmental resources.
- C2 No additional resources are needed.

- C3 No part of the course is grant funded.
- C4 Frequency of course offering: every semester.  
Please see Appendix A for a chart of course offerings.
- C5 Number of sections: three (3).  
Please see Appendix A for a chart of course offerings.
- C6 Number of students per section: 30  
Please see Appendix A for a chart of course offerings.
- C7 Our professional societies have NOT made any recommendations regarding enrollment limits or parameters for a course of this nature.

Section D: Miscellaneous

The proposed course is frequently taught in Criminology and Criminal Justice programs. The content reflects emerging issues in our discipline. The proposed course supplements existing program content to reflect contemporary practices in the discipline.

**CRIM 374: Environmental Crime and Justice**

School	Course Number of Similar Class	Catalog Description
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Northern Arizona University	CJ 312: Environmental Crime	Examines laws and legal strategies designed to protect environmental quality; explores varieties of environmental crimes and associated problems of control.
University of California, Irvine	J128: Environmental Law	Environmental law as combination of traditional legal principles and newly created statutes, rules, and decisions applied to environmental protection. Investigates roles of courts, legislature, executive branch and administrative agencies, and private citizens attempting to regulate environmental quality. Federal and state laws utilized.
University of California, Irvine	J129: International Environmental Management	Network of intergovernmental organizations (the United Nations, in particular) and international nongovernmental organizations in the field of environmental management.