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 __X__ Course Deletion

_____ Course Revision _____ Course Number and/or Title Change _____ Catalog Description Change

CRIM 361 Juvenile Law

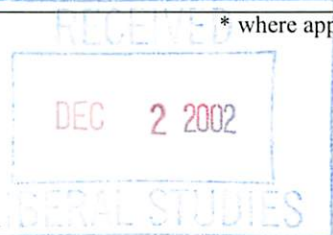| *Current Course prefix, number and full title*	*Proposed course prefix, number and full title, if changing*

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

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

3. **Program Proposals**

_____ Catalog Description Change _____ Program Revision

_____ New Degree Program _____ Program Title Change _____ Other

_____ New Minor Program _____ New Track

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)	*signature*	11-08-02
College Curriculum Committee Chair	*signature*	11/13/02
College Dean	*signature*	11/13/02
Director of Liberal Studies *		
Director of Honors College *		
Provost *	*signature*	11/26/02
Additional signatures as appropriate:		
(include title)		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	*Gail S. Sechrist*	3/11/03

* where applicable

Part II. Description of the Curriculum Change

1. **Course to be deleted:**
   CRIM 361: Juvenile Law (3c-01-3sh) will be deleted. The undergraduate catalog description of this course is as follows:
   An analysis of pertinent juvenile law and procedure involving case study methods.

2. **Justification/Rationale:**
   This course, which is currently offered as an elective, is being deleted because of the changing needs of the discipline of criminology. Over the past 15 years, this discipline has evolved from one that was more applied in nature and emphasized knowledge of the skills necessary to work in the criminal justice system, to its current form that focuses on theory, research, and critical thinking about a variety of issues relevant to crime and criminal justice (these specific issues can be identified in the proposed curriculum). CRIM 361, along with another elective pertaining to the topic of juvenile justice, will be replaced with CRIM 235: Survey of Juvenile Justice and Juvenile Law (see Appendix C). This new course will be a controlled elective that students may select from a group of courses that focus on the criminal justice system. CRIM 235 will provide students with a basic knowledge of juvenile justice operations, procedures, techniques, and legal bounds. Other more advanced courses in the proposed curriculum (e.g., CRIM 401: Contemporary Issues in Criminology, CRIM 403: Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice, CRIM 394: Crime and Delinquency Prevention, CRIM 470: Comparative Study of Justice) will allow students to further examine a variety of issues pertaining to juvenile justice.

3. **Impact:**
   Deletion of CRIM 361 will not affect any other existing criminology courses or programs offered at IUP. Because this course is an elective, students also will not be affected, as a new set of electives is offered in the proposed curriculum (including CRIM 235 mentioned above).

Part III. Letters of Support and Acknowledgement

This course is one of seventeen course options that students choosing the Juvenile Delinquency substantive area within the Sociology/Human Services Track may take (see p. 111 in the 2002-03 IUP Undergraduate Catalog). It is also one of fifteen course options that students choosing the Juvenile Delinquency substantive area within the Sociology/Applied Social Research track may take. A copy of the letter that was sent to the Sociology Department informing them of these changes and offering substitution courses is appended (See Appendix D).