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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  
**(unrestrict minor)**

Current course prefix, number and full title: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2. Liberal Studies Course Designations, as appropriate**  
 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 Across the Curriculum (W Course)  
 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: **Department of Criminology**

Proposed program name, if changing: **Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice**

5. Approvals	Signature	Date
Department Curriculum Committee Chair(s)	<i>John A. Lewis</i>	<u>14 Jan 2015</u>
Department Chairperson(s)	<i>R. M. Hutchins</i>	<u>14 Jan 2015</u>
College Curriculum Committee Chair	<i>[Signature]</i>	
College Dean	<i>M. E. L.</i>	<u>1.21.15</u>
Director of Liberal Studies (as needed)		
Director of Honors College (as needed)		
Provost (as needed)		
Additional signature (with title) as appropriate		
UWUCC Co-Chairs	<i>Gail Sedquist</i>	<u>1/27/15</u>

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 Liberal Studies

Program Revision – Criminology  
Part II – Description of Curriculum Changes

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice (**Revised**)

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The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice offers students seeking careers in criminology or criminal justice a broad liberal arts education that encourages them to think critically about crime and justice issues and prepares them for careers in the criminal justice system. The degree programs offered are the bachelor of arts program in criminology and the bachelor of arts program in criminology/pre-law. Additionally, students regardless of major 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 and criminal justice has a five fold 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 and criminal justice. For example, employment opportunities normally exist in more than 50 federal agencies (e.g., Federal Bureau of Investigation, US 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 level and in research divisions of various agencies.

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**Part II 2. Summary of Changes:** A department name change from **Department of Criminology** to **Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice**. Additionally, the minor will be available to all students regardless of major. There will be no degree changes, curriculum changes, course prefix changes, course number changes, course title changes, or course description changes associated with the approval of the department's name change. There will be no change to the course requirements for the minor in criminology.

Minor—Criminology (1)	18
Required Courses:	
CRIM 101 Crime and Justice Systems (2)	3cr
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 (3, 4)	6cr
(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 program, CRIM 321 may be substituted for Group B elective.	
(4) For students in the Computer Science/Information Assurance program, CRIM 323 may be substituted for Group C elective.	

No change to minor other than unrestricting access

**Part II. 3. Rationale for Program Title Change.** Perspective students have noted that when conducting program searches IUP's Department of Criminology often is not identified as search engines use the more popular terminology of criminal justice. Several programs in the discipline have rectified this situation by adding Criminal Justice to their program titles. Additionally, IUP's Department of Criminology does offer several classes in criminal justice as both the undergraduate and graduate levels (e.g., CRIM 101 – Crime and Justice Systems, CRIM 403 – Dilemmas in Criminology and Criminal Justice, and courses related to policing, corrections, courts, juvenile law, social control).

Universities with programs listed as Criminology and Criminal Justice

Florida State University, University of Nebraska, University of Maryland, Portland State University, Arizona State University, Indiana State University, Missouri State University, Washington State University, University of Texas – Arlington, Kent State, Loyola University of Chicago.

**Part II. 3. Rationale for opening minor.** The criminology department always had maintained an open minor for all students regardless of major until 2011. There were approximately 125 criminology minors at that time and about 1,000 criminology majors. A five year review of the criminology program suggested that the department as currently staffed would not be able to maintain current department enrollment numbers and offer the minor without forcing students into summer or winter class, or extending their graduation dates. At that time, a decision was made to offer the minor only to Computer Science majors in the Information Assurance track, as the Criminology minor was required for their degree. This decision impacted several departments whose students wanted to minor in criminology. Additionally, the criminology minor, similar to the minor in Psychology, Homeland Security and minors within other colleges was a recruiting tool these departments could no longer use. At current faculty strength, opening the criminology minor now is an option that will not impact the department's current students or those deciding to enroll in the minor.

**Part III. Implementation**

1. There will be no impact on students in the existing program.
2. Faculty resources are adequate.
3. Other resources are adequate
4. Students in the major and minor should increase slightly, which can be addressed with the current faculty compliment.

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**Part IV. Periodic Assessment**

1. Course offerings and student enrollment/retention are tracked by the Criminology Advising Center each semester, which becomes the foundation for the next semester's course offerings. Projections based on current enrollment and Fall applicants are used each Spring to project class requirements and assets needed for the next four years. These projections are updated annually.
2. As a minimum, evaluations of these recommendation changes will be conducted annually.
3. Evaluating entity is the department chair with input from the Criminology Advising Center, the faculty, and other available sources for data related to enrollment management.

**Part V. Course Proposals**

None

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

None required