

# ATTACHMENT 4D-1

## LETTER OF NOTIFICATION – 3

### NEW OPTION, CONCENTRATION, EMPHASIS

(Maximum 18 semester credit hours of new theory courses and 6 credit hours of new practicum courses)

1. Institution submitting request: **University of Arkansas at Fayetteville**
2. Contact person/title:  
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4. Proposed effective date: **Fall 2012**
5. Title of degree program: **Master of Arts in Sociology**
6. CIP Code: **45.1101**
7. Degree Code: **5470**
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: **Criminology**
9. Reason for proposed action: **The purpose of adding criminology concentration is to allow the department to a) attract and retain BA graduates from the UofA as well as other colleges and universities, b) offer the only terminal MA in sociology degree with criminology concentration in the state of Arkansas, and c) meet the demand for a more focused graduate level work for students whose academic and career goals are related to this established and fast growing area within sociology.**
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective: **The MA in Sociology with concentration in Criminology provides students with a foundation of advanced knowledge in sociological and criminological theories, research methodologies, and contemporary issues in sociology and criminology. The MA program is designed to be completed in two academic years. Our program prepares students for future doctoral work in the best doctoral programs in sociology, and related disciplines, especially criminology.**
11. Provide the following:
  - a. Curriculum outline - List of required courses  
**Requirements for the Master of Arts Degree: (Minimum 32 hours): Core requirements:**  
SOC 5001 Proseminar  
SOC 5253 Classical Social Theory  
SOC 5311L Applied Data Analysis Lab  
SOC 5313 Applied Data Analysis  
SOC 5013 Advanced Social Research

**M.A. in Sociology with a concentration in Criminology.** In addition to meeting all the core requirements outlined above, students wishing to pursue a master's

degree in Sociology with a concentration in criminology must complete the following courses:

SOCI 5413 Seminar in Criminological Theory

**b. New course descriptions**

**SOCI 5413 Seminar in Criminological Theory:** An examination of theoretical explanations of crime causation, focusing primarily on sociological contributions to this field. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

**c. Program goals and objectives**

Program Goals for the MA. Degree in Sociology with concentration in Criminology

Critical thinking, to include the ability to analyze arguments, to understand theoretical and ideological assumptions that underlie different arguments; to create and defend a coherent argument;

Effective writing skills, to include the ability to clearly communicate both description and analysis; how to present original ideas and the work of others;

Problem solving skills to include conceptualizing problems, effective reasoning and decision-making;

An understanding of the theoretical foundations of sociology and criminology;

An understanding of the methodological foundations of sociology and criminology, to include the ability to analyze qualitative and quantitative data;

An understanding of the criminal justice system and how it is affected by and affects the larger society;

An understanding of the sociological perspective (society's structures and processes) emphasizing the relationship between the individual and society.

Effective communication skills in writing, editing, speaking, and listening.

**d. Expected student learning outcomes**

**Expected student learning outcomes include the development of the skills listed above.**

12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery? **NO**

13. Mode of delivery to be used: **On-Campus**

14. Explain in detail the distance delivery procedures to be used: **NA**

15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery? **NA**

16. List courses in option/concentration/emphasis. Include course descriptions for new courses.

**Restricted Electives** M.A. students concentrating in criminology must take two courses from the following list

SOCI 5423 Research in Criminology: Examination of empirical research in criminology, focusing on methodological problems, strategies, and findings. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5433 Victimization: Study of the correlates of victimization, theories of victimization and the role of victims in the criminal justice system.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5443 Seminar in Terrorism: Examination of the causes, consequences, and policies of social control relative to terrorism.

Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5453 Social Control: Study of social responses to crime, including theories of social control, policies and their impact on crime. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

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SOCI 5463 White Collar Crime: Study of the nature of white collar, professional, and corporate crime. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

SOCI 5473 Crime and Community: Study of the nature of crime and community correlates. Prerequisite: Graduate standing.

17. Specify the amount of the additional costs required, the source of funds, and how funds will be used.

**NONE**

President/Chancellor Approval Date:

Board of Trustees Notification Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date:

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