

ATTACHMENT 2M-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)

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4. Proposed effective date: Spring 2015
5. Title of degree program: Minor in Criminal Justice
6. CIP Code: 43.0104
7. Degree Code: 1360
8. Proposed option/concentration/emphasis name: Criminal Justice Minor
9. Reason for proposed action:

Criminal Justice is a growing interdisciplinary field with large societal impact. Knowledge of justice system functions and processes and the causes, correlates, and consequences of criminal behavior is applicable for improved outcomes across a variety of agencies, industries, and organizations. Thus, while some students may not necessarily want to pursue justice careers consistent with a criminal justice major, education in criminal justice can nonetheless enhance or complement their major degrees in other disciplines and fields of study, including, but not limited to, sociology, social work, education and health professions, law, psychology, world languages, and computer engineering. Currently, graduate students in Sociology have the opportunity to shape their degrees to meet their research and career interests (via a concentration in Criminology), undergraduate students of any discipline do not have the opportunity to tailor their education in this regard. Establishing a minor in criminal justice that will enable students to customize their degrees to their specific goals; education and credentials in criminal justice can help further their career pursuits and marketability in areas in which justice knowledge is not the primary requirement, but is certainly relevant and useful.
10. New option/concentration/emphasis objective:
11. Provide the following:
 - a. List of required courses
 1. CMJS 2003: Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems
 2. CMJS 3023: Criminology
 3. SOCI 3313: Social Research
 4. 9 hours of 3000+ CMJS/SOCI (3hrs max from SOCI)
 - b. New course descriptions

N/A This minor utilizes existing courses.
 - c. Program goals and objectives
 1. Recognize and address UA students' interest in knowledge and skills in criminal justice
 2. Prepare participating UA students for justice-related careers

3. Enable UA students to customize degrees and increase marketability in the many areas in which justice knowledge is relevant.

d. Expected student learning outcomes

1. Student demonstrates understanding of the fundamentals in criminal justice
2. Student demonstrates knowledge in several major areas within criminal justice, including policing, courts, and correctional systems.
3. Student demonstrates an understanding of a broad range of explanations of crime
4. Student demonstrates research skills and understanding and the ability to critically evaluate of empirical investigations of crime and justice outcomes

12. Will the new option be offered via distance delivery?

No

13. Mode of delivery to be used:

N/A

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

N/A

15. Is the degree approved for distance delivery?

N/A

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

The minor will consist of 18 hours.

9 hours of required courses:

CMJS 2003: Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems

CMJS 3023: Criminology

SOCI 3313: Social Research

Additional 9 hours of 3000+ CMJS/SOCI courses, including the following (3hrs max from SOCI):

CMJS 3043: The Police and Society

CMJS 3203: Corrections

CMJS 3503: Criminal Procedures

CMJS 3513: Criminal Evidence

CMJS 4043: Juvenile Justice

CMJS 4053: Homeland Security

CMJS 4113: Terrorism

CMJS 4013: Special Topics in Criminal Justice

SOCI 3153: Urban Sociology

SOCI 3223: Social Psychology

SOCI 3723: Deviant Behavior

SOCI 4023: Social Theory

SOCI 4063: Organizations in Society

SOCI 3193: Race, Class, and Gender in America

SOCI 3103: Religion and Society

SOCI 4013: Special Topics in Sociology

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

None

Board of Trustees Approval Date:

Chief Academic Officer

Date: