Non-Substantive Program Modification Proposal Form

Instructions: All program modifications must be signed by the Chair and Dean and submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Faculty Initiating Request: Alex Ekwuaju, Ph.D.  Submission Date: February 3, 2017

Department/School: Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice

Degree Program: B.S. in Criminal Justice  Effective Date: Fall 2017

Provide a description of the program exactly as it will appear in the catalog:

Please see attached.

Faculty Member

Date

Chair

Date

Dean

Date

Assistant Provost of Academic Planning & Policy

Date

Provost

Date

Chair Academic Affairs Committee

Date

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Provide a brief rationale for this program modification. For example, does it reflect updated disciplinary content? Does it align the program with state or national norms? Does it promote progression?

This program revision represents several years of discussions among the criminal justice faculty and should improve progression and graduation rates. Specifically, the proposed revisions will:

1. Provides for maximum flexibility in the General Electives area of the degree program, allowing for guided electives to be assigned here and aiding in progression and graduation of our many transfer students.
2. Provide maximum flexibility in Area F, allowing for guided electives to be applied to Area F - helping progression and graduation of our majors, many of whom are internal and external transfers.
3. Revises the admissions language to better reflect the actual process as practiced.
4. Changes slightly the title and emphasis of CRJU 4410 - "Contemporary Issues in Corrections" to "Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice" which allows more flexibility in choice of topics by the instructor and better aligns with national trends in undergraduate criminal justice curricula.
5. Adds an additional upper-level elective, CRJU 4440 - "Administration of Criminal Justice" which is a common course in criminal justice curricula nationally.
Description of Program EXACTLY as it will appear in Catalog:

**Criminal Justice (B.S.)**

The primary purpose of the B.S. Program in Criminal Justice is to provide a rigorous course of study that will prepare students to work successfully with agencies (police, courts, and corrections) that are designed to administer law, achieve justice, reduce crime, and enhance domestic security. It is also designed to prepare students for graduate level studies in such areas as criminal justice and law. The program takes advantage of the proximity of MGA to federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in our service area.

**Admission**

In order to be admitted to the program, students must declare the B.S. in Criminal Justice as their major. Students may do this during the admissions process to the University, or at any time during their college career. Students who are thinking of changing their major are encouraged to speak with an academic advisor in the Department. Freshman and sophomore students should follow the curriculum outline for the degree presented below. Transfer students are welcomed to the Criminal Justice Program. General education and supporting courses will be evaluated for credit during the admission process. All upper-level transfer courses must be approved by the chair of Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice. This will be done on a case-by-case basis using transcripts and appropriate college catalog course descriptions. Students transferring academic credits in the program must meet all university residence and transfer-of-credits requirements. A transfer grade intended to satisfy any Criminal Justice core requirement or major track elective course must be at least a "C."

1. Please note that CRJU 1100 (Introduction to Criminal Justice), CRJU 2316 (Introduction to Criminology), CRJU 2317 (Introduction to Criminal Law) and CRJU 2318 (Introduction to Corrections) all must be completed with grades of "C" or higher.
2. In addition to the academic regulations of the University, all Criminal Justice core and major track electives must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 to remain in good standing.

**Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

**Core Curriculum (Credit: 42 hours)**

See listing of requirements on pages 70-76

**Area F: Lower Division Major Requirements (Credit: 18 hours)**

**Required Courses (Credit: 12 hours)**

- CRJU 1100 – Introduction to Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRJU 2316 – Introduction to Criminology Credit: 3 hours
- CRJU 2317 – Introduction to Criminal Law Credit: 3 hours
- CRJU 2318 – Introduction to Corrections Credit: 3 hours

**Guided Electives (Credit: 6 hours)**

Choose any two 1000- and/or 2000-level courses with guidance from an academic advisor.
Upper Level Core (Credit: 60 hours)

Required Courses (Credit: 27 hours)

- CRUJ 3020 – Research Methods in Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3100 – Ethics in Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3110 – Theories of Criminal Behavior Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3200 – Criminal Procedure and Evidence Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3311 – Police Systems, Practices and Administration Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3315 – The American Judicial System Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3320 – Juvenile Justice System and Delinquency Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4147 – Criminal Justice Report Writing Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4930 or CRUJ 2999* – Criminal Justice Internship/Capstone Credit: 3 hours

*Note: With permission of the Criminal Justice Program Coordinator, a student with a strong interest in studying different contemporary topics of interest in any area of criminal justice which may not have been covered in the existing courses, OR a student who has special circumstances or is already employed in the criminal justice field may be granted permission to complete an independent project as a stand-in for CRUJ 4930. In such cases, CRUJ 2999 will be the course designation.

Criminal Justice Electives (Credit: 24 hours)

Choose eight courses from the following:

- CRUJ 3210 – Organized Crime Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3247 – Hip Hop Culture & Crime in America Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3515 – Comparative Criminal Justice Systems Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 3520 – Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4007 – Crime, the Media, & Justice in America Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ/SOCI 4130 – Gender, Ethnicity, and Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ/SOCW 4220 – Family Violence and Abuse Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4310 – White Collar and Cyber Crime Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4350 – Corrections and Community-based Policing Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4351 – Police-Community Relations Credit: 3 hours Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4410 – Contemporary Issues in Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4440 – Administration of Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
- CRUJ 4500 – Ecology of Crime Credit: 3 hours
• CRJU 4507 – Homeland Security Credit: 3 hours
• CRJU 4550 – Terrorism Credit: 3 hours

General Electives (Credit: 9 hours)

Choose any three lower- or upper-level courses with guidance from an academic advisor.

Total Hours: 120
Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice
Chair: Dr. David Biek

The mission of the Department of Psychology, Sociology, and Criminal Justice is to provide quality instruction in the fields of psychology, sociology, social work, criminal justice, and public service at both introductory and advanced levels. The Department offers Associate degrees in Psychology, Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Associate degrees are designed to prepare graduates for employment and/or to prepare students for baccalaureate study. The Department offers Bachelor's degrees in Psychology, Public Service/Human Services, and Criminal Justice. Bachelor's degrees are designed to prepare graduates for employment in the profession and/or to prepare students for graduate study in the field. All programs are designed to produce analytic, critical thinkers prepared to succeed in meeting the challenges of modern life.

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Admission Requirements
Students who wish to pursue a B.S. degree in Criminal Justice must meet the following requirements to be considered for admission to the program:

1. Complete all MGA general institutional admission requirements
2. Declare a major in Criminal Justice
3. Complete all courses in Area F with a grade of "C" or higher in each course.

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Electives (6 hours)
Choose two courses from the following:
- ANTH 1102 – Introduction to Anthropology Credit: 3 hours
- BUSA 2201 – Business Information Applications Credit: 3 hours
- ECON 2105 – Principles of Macroeconomics Credit: 3 hours
- ECON 2106 – Principles of Microeconomics Credit: 3 hours
- GEOG 1101 – Introduction to Human Geography Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 1111 – History of World Civilizations to 1650 Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 1112 – History of World Civilizations Since 1650 Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 2111 – United States History to 1865 Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 2112 – United States History Since 1865 Credit: 3 hours
- POLS 2101 – Introduction to Political Science Credit: 3 hours
- POLS 2201 – State and Local Government Credit: 3 hours
• POLS 2301 – Introduction to Comparative Politics Credit: 3 hours
• POLS 2401 – Introduction to Global Issues Credit: 3 hours
• POLS 2601 – Introduction to Public Administration Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 1101 – Introduction to Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• SOCI 1101 – Introduction to Sociology Credit: 3 hours
• SOCI 1160 – Introduction to Social Problems Credit: 3 hours

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General Electives (Credit: 9 hours)

Choose three courses from the following:
• COMM 1110 – Public Speaking Credit: 3 hours
• CRJU 2999 – Special Topics in Criminal Justice Credit: 3 hours
• ENGL 2208 – Technical Communication (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• MATH 1200 – Elementary Statistics (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• POLS 2401 – Introduction to Global Issues (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 2101 – Introduction to Psychology of Adjustment (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• SOCI 1101 – Introduction to Sociology (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• SOCI 1160 – Introduction to Social Problems (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• SPAN 1001 – Elementary Spanish I (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours
• SPAN 1002 – Elementary Spanish II (unless used in Areas A-F) Credit: 3 hours

Total Hours: 120