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Graduate Programs—PROGRAM CHANGE REQUEST

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DEPARTMENT: CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

COLLEGE: CDSI

PROGRAM NAME: MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINOLOGY AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

EFFECTIVE DATE

(PROVIDE TERM/YEAR)

FALL 2015

PLEASE EXPLAIN THE REQUESTED CHANGE(S) AND OFFER RATIONALE BELOW AND/OR ATTACHED:

THE FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF LIST OF THE CHANGES THAT ARE COVERED IN A MORE COMPREHENSIVE DOCUMENT PROVIDED ALONG WITH THIS FORM:

- COURSES: ADD 9 NEW COURSES; COMBINE TWO COURSES INTO ONE; DELETE 2 COURSES.
- RESTRICTED ELECTIVES: REMOVE CCJ 6475, REPLACE WITH CCJ6727.
- THESIS OPTION: REQUIRE CCJ 6727 ADVANCED RESEARCH AND EVALUATION AS ONE RESTRICTED ELECTIVE.
- SPECIALIZATION IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE FOR NON-CCJ MAJORS: CHANGE REQUIREMENTS
- ADD THREE CONCENTRATIONS: POLICING; CRIME AND CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR; CORRECTIONS

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Consult and list departments that might be affected by the change and attach comments.
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Email this form and syllabus to UGPC@fau.edu **one week before** the University Graduate Programs Committee meeting so that materials may be viewed on the UGPC website prior to the meeting.

Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Program Changes Memo

To: University Graduate Programs Committee

From: Dr. John Smykla, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Contact Person: Dr. Rachel Santos, Graduate Coordinator

RE: Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice Program
Changes Description

Date: February 18, 2015

This memo details the proposed changes to the curriculum to the Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice that has been approved by the faculty of the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Add and Delete Courses

NEW ELECTIVES: The following are new courses to be added as electives. A large number of electives are being added because we have assessed our current offerings and concluded that some should be removed and others added that represent our program and our faculty's research. All of these all have been taught either once or twice as special topics courses (CCJ6934) and have been determined to be relevant and interesting to students. Individual forms with course descriptions along with syllabi have been provided for each course:

1. CCJ 6076 Crime Analysis in Policing
2. CCJ 6619 Crime and Everyday Life
3. CCJ 6078 Computer Crime Research and Policy
4. CCJ 6295 Courts, Sentencing, and the Judicial Process
5. CCJ 6335 Prisoner Re-entry Policy and Practice
6. CCJ 6697 Sex Offender Research and Policy
7. CCJ 6063 Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention
8. CCJ 6624 Violence Research and Policy
9. CCJ 6727 Advanced Research and Evaluation

COURSE CHANGE: Change title and course description of CCJ 6475 Organizational Culture in Criminal Justice Agencies to CCJ 6475 Leadership and Organizational Culture in Criminal Justice Agencies. The faculty does not believe we need two courses on this topic. Two courses will be consolidated into one. Leadership will be added to CCJ 6475 and the leadership course will be deleted (see next paragraph).

DELETE COURSES: CCJ 6456 Leadership in Criminal Justice Agencies (content now covered in CCJ 6475) and CCJ 6458 Management Implications of Justice

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Policy. These courses are deleted because the focus of the program is more on criminology and criminal justice and less on CJ management. Instead of three classes in this general area, this leaves one course that covers both organizational change and leadership (CCJ6475).

Restricted Electives

CURRENT: Students are required to take 2 of 5 of the following courses as restricted electives.

1. CJE 6426 Policing Research, Policy, and Practice
2. CJC 6021 Corrections Research, Policy, and Practice
3. CJJ 6046 Juvenile Justice Research, Policy, and Practice
4. CCJ 6669 Class, Race, and Gender in Criminal Justice
5. CCJ 6475 Organizational Culture in Criminal Justice Agencies

NEW: Make CCJ 6475 an elective, dropping it as a restricted elective, and add CCJ 6727 Advanced Research and Evaluation to the list. All others remain the same. The new list is:

1. CJE 6426 Policing Research, Policy, and Practice
2. CJC 6021 Corrections Research, Policy, and Practice
3. CJJ 6046 Juvenile Justice Research, Policy, and Practice
4. CCJ 6669 Class, Race, and Gender in Criminal Justice
5. CCJ 6727 Advanced Research and Evaluation

Thesis Exit Option

CURRENT: Thesis students can take any two of the five restricted electives.

NEW: Require thesis students to take advanced research course. We are finding that our thesis students need additional training in research before doing their own research. By adding this as a restricted elective, this allows non-thesis students to take the course if they want to satisfy this requirement. In addition, there is a concern that this course will have few students if only thesis students enroll, so encouraging all students to take it should help which is why we made it a restricted elective and not a course required only offered for thesis students.

OLD CATALOG LANGUAGE FOR THESIS OPTION:

This option is for students who anticipate continuing on to doctoral-level studies and/or who seek research positions within the criminal justice system. In addition to fulfilling core, restricted elective, and elective requirements (27 credits), students in this option register for CCJ 6971 Master's Thesis (6 credits) and complete a thesis according to policies of

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the university's Graduate School and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Thesis credits will be taken in either the last or next to last semester before graduation, provided that all other required core courses and restricted electives courses have been completed. NOTE: Students opting to complete a thesis may take CCJ 6485 Applying Criminal Justice, Theory, Policy, and Research as one of their unrestricted electives.

NEW CATALOG LANGUAGE FOR THESIS OPTION:

This option is for students who anticipate continuing on to doctoral-level studies and/or who seek research positions within the criminal justice system. Thesis students will take the three core courses (9 credits); CCJ 6727 Advanced Research and Evaluation and another restricted elective of their choice (6 credits); four electives of their choice (12 credits); and CCJ 6971 Master's Thesis (6 credits) to complete a thesis according to policies of the university's Graduate School and School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Thesis credits will be taken in either the last or next to last semester before graduation, provided that all other required core courses and restricted electives courses have been completed. NOTE: Students opting to complete a thesis may take CCJ 6485 Applying Criminal Justice, Theory, Policy, and Research as one of their unrestricted electives.

Specialization in Criminal Justice for Other Majors

CURRENT: To earn a specialization in CCJ, external non-CCJ majors can take 15 credits of CCJ courses. Currently, they are required to take our three core courses and two other electives or restricted electives of their own choice.

CHANGE: We do not believe it is necessary to have them take the required (core) research methods class as they likely have that in their own degree and their time would be better spent taking substantive CJ courses. We will change that requirement to another elective so they must take CCJ6056 CCJ Understanding Criminal Behavior and CCJ 6902 Criminal Justice Research and Policy Foundations (two core courses, 6 credits) and then any 3 restricted or regular elective courses (9 credits).

NEW CATALOG LANGUAGE:

Specialization in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Interested degree-seeking students who are majoring in other disciplines can complete a 15-credit specialization in Criminology and Criminal Justice, which includes:

CCJ 6056 Understanding Criminal Behavior

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CCJ 6902 Criminal Justice Research and Policy Foundations
Electives - 9 credits (any three graduate-level CCJ electives or restricted electives).

Concentrations

CURRENT: Currently do not offer any established concentrations within the program.

CHANGE: Allow students to have a concentration by taking 3 courses (9 credits) with a similar focus and select a topic for their exit option (thesis or capstone course) in that area. This is similar to what the English department currently does (they have concentrations at the masters level in British Literature, American Literature, Creative Writing, Multicultural and World Literatures, Science Fiction and Fantasy, or Rhetoric and Composition. Critical Theory/Cultural Studies and Gender and Sexuality Studies).

NEW CATALOG LANGUAGE:

Areas of Concentration: To obtain a concentration a CCJ student will take at least three courses related to the concentration area and then select a topic related to that concentration for their exit option. The following are the three concentrations available and the courses that can satisfy each:

Policing

1. CJE 6426 Policing Research, Policy, and Practice
2. CCJ 6475 Organizational Culture and Leadership in Criminal Justice Agencies
3. CCJ 6076 Crime Analysis in Policing
4. CCJ 6619 Crime and Everyday Life
5. CCJ 6063 Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention
6. Any other police related special topics (CCJ 6934) course offered by the school, approved by the graduate coordinator
7. Students may also take up to one related directed independent study (CCJ 6905) to satisfy this requirement, approved by the graduate coordinator

Crime and Criminal Behavior

1. CCJ 6056 Understanding Criminal Behavior
2. CCJ 6697 Sex Offender Research and Policy
3. CCJ 6078 Computer Crime Research and Policy

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4. CCJ 6619 Crime and Everyday Life
5. CCJ 6624 Violence Research and Policy
6. CCJ 6063 Social Disorganization and Crime Prevention
7. Any other crime and criminal behavior related special topics (CCJ 6934) course offered by the school, approved by the graduate coordinator
8. Students may also take up to one related directed independent study (CCJ 6905) to satisfy this requirement, approved by the graduate coordinator

Corrections

1. CJC 6021 Corrections Research, Policy, and Practice
2. CCJ 6475 Organizational Culture and Leadership in Criminal Justice Agencies
3. CCJ 6142 Restorative Justice Research, Policy, and Practice
4. CCJ 6335 Prisoner Re-entry Research, Policy, and Practice
5. Any other corrections related special topics (CCJ 6934) course offered by the school, approved by the graduate coordinator
6. Students may also take up to one directed independent study (CCJ 6905) to satisfy this requirement, approved by the graduate coordinator