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Approval Form

Proposal Title: Theories of Crime

Sponsor(s) Anthony Salerno Dept.: Law/Justice Ext. 3722

Check one: Course Specialization Concentration Minor Achievement Certificate
 Certification Program Major Program Minor Change (please name: deletion or credit/title/catalog change)

Undergraduate Graduate Credit Hours

<p>Step 1 (Department)</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>9/29/94</u> Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved <u>M. Salerno</u> <u>Mary Salerno</u> Dept. CC Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed _____ Date</p> <p><u>David S. Korhen</u> Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 2 (Receipt)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>94-95-17</u></p> <p>Proposal Received _____ Date</p> <p><u>SEP 28 1994</u></p> <p><u>Ronald J. Gochen</u> SCC Chairperson</p>	<p>Step 3 (School CC)</p> <p>Reviewed <u>11/21/94</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p>Comments: <u>with Revision</u> <u>see attached memo</u></p> <p><u>Joyce Smith</u> School Curr. Comm. Chairperson</p>
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Step 4 (Academic Dean)

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 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

Reviewed 12/21/94
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Signature, Dean of School

Step 5 (SCC)

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Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee _____
Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:

Step 6 (Senate)

Presented to Senate 5/16/95
Date

Approved Not Approved

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost _____
Date

Ronald J. Gochen
Signature, SCC Chairperson

Step 7 (Executive V.P./Provost)

Received 5/23/95
Date

Approved Yes No

If no, reasons are as follows:

Student credit hours 3

Faculty load hours 3

Equalized credit hours _____

Official copy and approval sheet filed _____
Date

Donald Cephalak
Signature, Executive Vice-President/Provost

Registrar

Approved course description received 5/30/95
Date

Hegis Taxonomy and Course Number assigned 2165-369

B.J. Kopy
Signature, Registrar

5/30/95
Date

Notification forwarded:

- Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson
- Department Chairperson(s)
- Academic Dean(s)
- Registrar
- Sponsor(s)

A. COURSE PROPOSAL

1. Details

- a. Course Title: Theories of Crime
- b. Sponsor: A. W. Salerno
Department: Law/Justice
- c. Credit Hours: Three (3)
- d. Course Level: Undergraduate (Upper Level)
- e. Curricular Effect: Major requirement. Replaces Juvenile Delinquency in America.
- f. Prerequisites: None
- g. Suggested Time for Implementation: Fall, 1995.
At that time Juvenile Delinquency in America will be eliminated from the curriculum.
- h. Adequacy of Present Staff/Resources: Course can be taught with existing resources and staff of the department and college.

2. Presently, a required course for Law/Justice majors is Juvenile Delinquency in America. The focus on juvenile delinquency stems from a course, Juvenile Delinquency/Juvenile Justice, that originated with the formation of the Department in the early 1970s. The members of the Department are in agreement that the present course is narrow in the sense that it concentrates on juveniles, thus excluding some essential elements in the study of crime. The proposed course is structured to include crime that ordinarily is committed by adults and not only juveniles such as integrated theories, crime in

the workplace, and political corruption. It is also structured to include such elements as the crime situation and victimization, which are ordinarily not part of juvenile delinquency courses.

3. Essence of the Course:

- a. Objectives of the Course: 1) To learn the extent of crime and delinquency in America. 2) To learn and and critique the major theories of crime and delinquency. 3) To explore the relationships between crime and delinquency and family, schools, race, social class, violence on TV, neighborhoods, and drugs. 4) To apply and synthesize theories of crime and delinquency.

b. Topical Outline:

- a. The various measures of crime and delinquency
- b. Classicism (free will) and Positivism (determinism)
- c. What is a theory?
- d. Biological/biosocial theories
- e. Psychological/psychoanalytic theories
- f. Social disorganization theory
- g. Strain theories
- h. Interpersonal theories
- i. Labeling perspective
- j. Radical perspective
- k. Control theories
- l. Theories of female crime and delinquency

- m. Juvenile Delinquency
- n. Synthesizing and applying theories: gangs, drugs, workplace crime, violence, schools, TV, and neighborhoods.
- c. Evaluation and Grading: Exams, critiques, and research papers.
- d. Course Evaluations: The course will be evaluated with student evaluations and by the department's curriculum committee.

COURSE DESCRIPTION: In this course students explore the extent of crime and delinquency in America and the full range of relevant theories of causation. They also synthesize and apply appropriate theories to such concepts and topics as race, social class, gangs, drugs, family, schools, and neighborhoods.

TO: Dr. A. Salern
Law/Justice Department

FROM: Dr. Joanne Scott
Chairperson, Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee

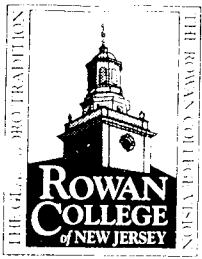
DATE: November 21, 1994

The Committee has reviewed your new course proposal entitled "Theories of Crime", and has approved it with revision: the Committee feels that evidence of consultation with the Department of Sociology is indicated, since that Department offers courses in criminology. According to the guidelines for new course proposals, any department offering courses with apparent overlapping of topics must be consulted.

In order to expedite the process, your proposal is being forwarded to the Dean for her signature, and then to the All-Campus Curriculum Committee. However, we request that you submit a letter documenting support/lack of support for this course from the Sociology Department prior to the open hearing for your course proposal. Please send the letter directly to the Faculty Senate Office, indicating that the letter is a part of proposal #94-95-17.

If you have any questions regarding these matters, please call me at 3571.

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Sociology Department

January 16, 1995

Dr. Tony Salerno
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Dear Dr. Salerno:

Dr. Tannenbaum asked me to respond to the course proposal entitled "Theories of Crime."

I have no objection to such a course offering by your department. The topical outline is very similar to what is covered in part of the Sociology course entitled "The Sociology of Crime and Criminal Law." However, I am certain that Law/Justice would be taking somewhat of a different approach. In addition, the students who would take your course would be Law/Justice majors, while those who take the Sociology course would be Sociology majors. The two courses will differ in approaches and audiences.

I am happy to know that the type of explanations for crime you note in your outline will be emanating from more than one place. Best of luck with the course proposal.

Sincerely,


John P. Myers
Sociology

c: T. Tannenbaum