

Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee

Approval Form

Proposal Title: MINOR CURRICULUM CHANGE

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[x] Undergraduate [] Graduate ___ Credit Hours

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Proposal Received 11/13/85 Date
Brenda A. Bolay
Chairperson, SCC

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Notification to Vice-President Academic Affairs 2/3/86 Date
Brenda A. Bolay
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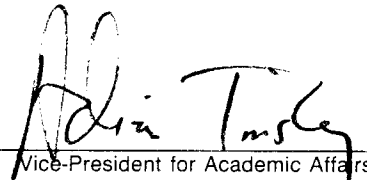
Student credit hours NA

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Official copy and approval sheet filed _____
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Signature



Vice-President for Academic Affairs

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Approved course description received _____
Date

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_____ Date

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MINOR CURRICULUM CHANGE

I. DETAILS

The Law/Justice Studies Department is proposing a number of changes for its curriculum. The modifications relate to both required courses and the overall structure of the program. The current structure is as follows:

A. Required Courses:

1. Survey of Criminal Justice
2. Introduction to Corrections
3. Criminal Justice Research
4. Juvenile Delinquency/Justice
5. Law and Human Rights
6. Criminal Law

B. Elective Courses:

Two courses (six credits) must be taken in each of the department's four substantive banks (police, law, criminal justice, and corrections). The total major responsibility is 42 credit hours.

The new structure retains the 42 credit hours limit but makes important internal changes. The new format is as follows:

A. Required Courses:

1. American Police
2. Introduction to Courts
3. Introduction to Corrections
4. Criminal Justice Research
5. Juvenile Delinquency/Justice
6. Law and Human Rights
7. Criminal Law

B. Elective Courses:

One course (three credits) must be taken in each of the department's four substantive banks (police, law, criminal justice, and corrections). The remaining nine credits are free elective credits within the major.

II. RATIONALE

The department proposes that we delete survey of criminal justice as a course for our majors. Students are currently required to take one of the three introductory courses (introduction to corrections) and frequently elect to take the other two courses (American police and intro to courts). The subject matter becomes redundant by the time they take the latter three courses. It makes much more sense to require all three introductory courses and to offer survey of criminal justice to non-majors. Non-majors who ultimately select criminal justice as their field of study and transfer students who have already taken survey of criminal justice (or its equivalent, elsewhere) will use the three credits as a free elective, ~~within the major.~~

It is no longer necessary or desirable to require two courses from each of our four banks. For one thing, we could not do so and maintain the 42 credit limit. (we would be forced to require 45 credits). Second, all our majors will be touching base with all of the banks due to the new, varied nature of our seven required courses. Consequently, we will now require only one elective course per bank. Thus, the law/Justice major has 9 credits to use as he/she wants in the major. This allows for greater specialization within one of the four banks (while retaining our desire for well-rounded majors). In addition, the student can take one of our in-service courses and have it count towards his major requirement, instead of having to use two totally free elective courses.