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# Approval Form

Proposal Title: Minorities, Crime and Justice 2105.205

Sponsor(s) Herbert Douglas, Ph.D. Dept.: Wilson Ext. 3538

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

Undergraduate  Graduate 3.0 Credit Hours

<p><b>Step 1 (Department)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>10/17/94</u> Date</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><u>Donna S. Kerbis</u> Dept. CE Chairperson</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Reviewed <u>10/3/94</u> Date</p> <p><u>Donna Stokes</u> Dept. Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 2 (Receipt)</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SCC# <u>44-95-32</u></p> <p>Proposal Received _____ Date</p> <p><u>Ronald J. Giecher</u> SCC Chairperson</p>	<p><b>Step 3 (School CC)</b></p> <p>Reviewed <u>11/15/94</u></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <u>with revision</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved</p> <p><b>Comments:</b> <i>Requires evidence of consultation with Sociology Department. See attached memo.</i></p> <p><u>Joanne Scott</u> School Curr. Comm. Chairperson</p>
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**Step 4 (Academic Dean)**

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 Conditionally Recommend (see comments)

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 Signature, Dean of School **RECEIVED**

**Step 5 (SCC)**

Open Hearing 2/2/95  Approved by Senate Curriculum Committee 2/2/95  
Date Date

Returned to sponsor(s) for the following reasons:  
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**Step 6 (Senate)**

Presented to Senate 3/1/95  Approved  Not Approved  
Date

Notification to Executive Vice-President/Provost \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Ronald J. Giecher  
Signature, SCC Chairperson

15 Mar 95  
BT Kelly  
Approved 3/9/95  
Edward L. Giecher

A. COURSE PROPOSAL

1. Details

- a. Course Title: Minorities, Crime and Justice
- b. Sponsor: H. Douglas  
Department: Law/Justice
- c. Credit Hours: Three (3)
- d. Course Level: Undergraduate
- e. Curricular Effect: Social Justice Elective.
- f. Prerequisites: None
- g. Suggested Time for Implementation: Fall, 1995.
- h. Adequacy of Present Staff/Resources: Course can be taught with existing resources and staff of the department and college.

2. Social Justice is a significant curricular emphasis within the Law/Justice major. Courses which involve themselves with minority concerns in such areas as crime and criminal justice are appropriate and necessary arenas of intellectual inquiry within the discipline. The course, Minorities, Crime and Justice, therefore, is designed to fulfill an unmet curricular need which currently exists within the Law/Justice major.

3. Essence of the Course:

- a. Objectives of the Course: 1) To develop an understanding of the minority experience, both as perpetrators and victims, with crime in America.  
2) To promote an understanding of and critique significant theoretical perspectives which are

advanced to explain the involvement of Afro-Americans and other minorities with crime in America. 3) To develop an understanding of the minority experience within the criminal justice system of the United States. 4) To facilitate the students' development of an understanding of the significance of such variables as race and class for analysis of the quality of justice which is rendered to minorities within the criminal justice system of the U.S.

b. Topical Outline:

- a. Minorities and Crime: An Overview
- b. Minorities as Perpetrators of Crime in America
- c. Minorities as Victims of Crime in America
- d. Theoretical Perspectives on Minority Crime
- e. Issues of Justice Within the American  
Minority Experience
- f. Race, Class, and U.S. Law
- g. Minorities and Law Enforcement
- h. Race, Class, and Criminal Justice in the U.S.
- i. Minorities, Crime, and Justice: Future  
Prospects Within U.S. Society

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 critically examine the involvement of minorities with crime in the U.S. both as perpetrators and victims. Additionally, they will be afforded the opportunity to understand, critically examine, and apply significant theoretical perspectives for the study of minority criminality. They will develop an understanding of the impact of race and class within the law-making process, the content of the law, and the quality of justice afforded minorities within the American criminal justice system.

New Jersey

October 17, 1994

To: Dr. Ronald Czocho, Chair  
Senate Curriculum Committee

From: John P. Myers  
Sociology

Re: Course Proposal: Minorities, Crime and Justice

I am writing to support the above proposal which comes at the most appropriate time for me. I am in the process of reviewing race and ethnic relations text books for a presentation to be made at the American Society of Criminology this Fall. I am studying how the text books present the issue of minorities and crime. My thesis is that there is not appropriate coverage of this issue by the race and ethnic relations text books.

Dr. Douglas's proposal similarly asserts that the issue deserves more coverage in the Law/Justice curriculum and that the proposed course would meet an increasingly important need in the Law/Justice curriculum. Stereotypes of minorities and crime are reinforced from many perspectives with mass media leading the way. A course like the one proposed would make a significant and positive contribution to the law justice curriculum.

I support the proposal and urge you to do the same.

c Dr. Douglas

TO: Dr. H. Douglas  
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 "Minorities, Crime and Justice", 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 #94-95-32.

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

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