

## Graduate Course Change/Removal Proposal

This proposal seeks to have the following effect on courses in the catalog. \*  Removal of course(s)  
 Change to a Course

### Department/Committee Information

The main contact person for the Graduate Curriculum Committee should fill out this form.

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Members of the Graduate Curriculum Committee:

Department / Unit Developing: Behavioral Sciences

Chair of Department for Program: Christine Shane

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Academic Dean Which Academic Dean is in charge of this Department or Program? \*  Dean of Education & Business  
 Dean of Arts & Sciences  
 Dean of Health & Natural Sciences  
 Dean of School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Ed.

Program Chair The Program Chair for this request is among the people listed above.  
\*  Yes  
 No

### Course Change Information

Course Title: CJ 9840 - Theory & Practice: Capstone Project

Existing Banner Abbreviation: \* Capstone

Proposed Banner Abbreviation: \* Capstone

Banner limit of 30 characters, including punctuation, spaces, and special characters.

Extended Campus Course? \*  Yes  
 No

### Course Revision & Rationale

Nature of the Course Revision:

- Level  Additional Requirements  
 Credits  Title  
 Prerequisites  Description  
 Other (Please Specify):

Course Revision Details

Please provide current and proposed versions

\* CURRENT DESCRIPTION:

CJ 9840 - Theory & Practice: Capstone Project

6 - 12 credits

The Capstone Project is a significant undertaking appropriate to the criminal justice field and reflects originality and independent thinking. The project must be a systematically organized effort with appropriate form and methodology. Projects may vary considerably, from developing a prototype service/program to undertaking a media project. A written abstract is required and includes an articulated rationale, explained significance of project, identified objectives and conclusions/recommendations. The student works under the supervision of a faculty member and if appropriate, in cooperation

with an approved criminal justice field site. The focus of the project must be approved by the Graduate Committee on Criminal Justice.

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PROPOSED DESCRIPTION

CJ 9840 - Theory & Practice: Capstone Project

6 Credits

The Capstone Project is a significant undertaking relevant to criminology, criminal justice, and/or related fields that reflects originality and independent thinking. The project must be a systematically organized effort with appropriate form and methodology. Projects may vary considerably, including but not limited to a substantial written project, such as a thesis, monograph, literature review, report for a public or non-profit organization, or policy paper; a publishable paper based on an original empirical study or secondary data analysis; a project or program involving community service or other benefits to the community, or would otherwise facilitate community, social, and/or criminal justice; or a media project. For projects that are not limited to , a written abstract or synopsis is required that articulates the rationale of the project, sets forth its empirical and theoretical underpinnings, explains its significance, identifies its objectives, describes its execution, and sets forth conclusions and recommendations. The student works under the supervision of a faculty member and if appropriate, in cooperation with an approved criminal justice or related field site. The project must be approved by the Criminal Justice Graduate Committee.

A student may earn credit for the Capstone Project a second time, with the approval of the Criminal Justice Graduate Committee.

Prerequisite: At least 21 CJ graduate credits.

Rationale and expected outcomes of course change

\*The course remains essentially the same course, but will now be both simpler and broader. Instead of "6-12" credits, it will be 6 credits. The course description was edited to reflect the broadening scope of the CJ master's program, and to allow for the removal of "CJ 9860: Option III – Thesis." As set forth in our contemporaneous CJ program change proposal, the Capstone will be an elective for our Professional Studies students, rather than a requirement. This approach is consistent with the other CJ master's programs in our area.

The outcome should be to allow our students, nearly all of whom work full time, more flexibility as they pursue their graduate degrees, while preserving the opportunity for students who wish to earn their doctorate degrees to write a more traditional master's thesis.

The content of the course is not affected by this change, therefore no syllabus is submitted with this proposal.

**Course Syllabus**

A syllabus is required when there is a change that impacts 50% or more of the current course content and curriculum or there is a change to the format of the syllabus that is outside of the University guidelines for graduate syllabi.

New Course Syllabus Upload:

**Signatures**

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Richard Wiebe 10/29/2021  
Requester Signature Date

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Dean of Arts & Sciences Date  
Signature

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Christine Shane 11/29/2021  
Department Chair Approval Date

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SGOCE Dean Signature Date

**Graduate Council**

The Graduate Council Chair Signature indicates that the Council has discussed this proposal and has decided it should move forward.

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Graduate Council Chair Signature Date

**Notifications**

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Approval of the President Date

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SOGCE Admin Assistant Initial Date

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SGOCE Admin. Assistant  
Signature

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