

Graduate Program Change Proposal

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Department/Committee Information

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

Requestor Name: * David Weiss

Members of the Graduate Curriculum Committee:

David P. Weiss, Chair
 Rich Wiebe
 Randall Grometstein
 Kate Hazen
 Eileen Kirk
 Marcel Beausoleil, retired CJ faculty and current adjunct instructor

Department / Unit Developing: Behavioral Sciences

Department Chair: * Dr. Richard Wiebe * rwiebe@fitchburgstate.edu

Academic Dean : Dr. Sara Levine slevine@fitchburgstate.edu

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

Program Information

This proposal refers to a (check all that apply): Certificate Program Teacher Licensure Program Degree Program

Does the program run on a cohort model? Yes No
 Will additional faculty be needed, day/adjunct? Yes No

Briefly describe program change to the existing program as it will appear in university catalog:

* Graduate Program Chair [NO CHANGE]
 David Weiss, PhD

Graduate Committee [CHANGE]
 David Weiss, PhD, Chair
 Randall Grometstein, JD, PhD
 Richard Wiebe, JD, PhD
 Katherine Hazen, JD, PhD
 Eileen Kirk, PhD
 Marcel Beausoleil, PhD, Adjunct Professor

Professional Studies Concentration - 100% Online Program [CHANGE]
 Description
 This 30 credit program provides students with practical knowledge and skills based on current research in the field while also providing an understanding of ethical issues and dilemmas related to the profession. The program focuses on building student's problem solving skills and their ability to analyze and understand data to assist with decision making. The program also provides students with experience in leadership and management to assist them in advancing in career areas such as law enforcement, corrections, social services and other public service related fields.

Program Objectives/Learning Outcomes [NO CHANGE]
 Apply knowledge of the operations of the criminal justice system to real-life case scenarios and current events
 Recognize and analyze ethical issues and dilemmas in the practice of criminal justice
 Demonstrate the ability to research and analyze crime data and its impact on criminal justice policy
 Identify the links between theoretical foundations of crime and delinquency and the development of criminal justice policy
 Recognize diversity in society and how criminal justice professionals respond to the increasing diversity in society
 Develop critical thinking skills and the ability to apply them to problem solving
 Develop oral and written communications skills as well as the ability to use technology for communication purposes

Plan of Study [CHANGE]
 Required Courses
 CJ 7240 – Criminal Justice Process (3 Credits)
 --OR--

Students with a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice can take an elective course in place of CJ 7240
CJ 7320 - Crime Causation (3 Credits)
CJ 8100 - Program Evaluation (3 Credits)
CJ 8580 - Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (3 Credits)
CJ 9680 - Cultural Diversity and Communication (3 Credits)
Electives (between 15-18) Credits

Total 30 Credits [CHANGE]

Population/anticipated enrollment/staffing plan (i.e., Who/how many will program serve?)

*No changes to staff planning or enrollment are anticipated. We are merely reducing the total credits for this concentration to 30 from 36.

Rationale and expected outcomes for program change:

*There are no anticipated changes to the "Program Outcomes" as listed on the website. The reduction of total credits required for this concentration (to 30 from 36) will assist working professionals to streamline their graduate education, and, more importantly, it puts our program and this concentration in line with other CJ master's programs throughout the region, state, and New England.

How does this change affect the departments Learning Outcomes for the program? List any changes that need to be made.

N.A.

Implementation plan (what semester will new policy/policy change begin; will change be phased in)

*Fall 2023: Catalog Year 23/24

An old and new plan of study must be included with this proposal (Please use template for program revision).

If new courses are proposed or major changes are made to existing courses, submit a Graduate Council New Course Approval form.

Old Plan of Study Attached here.

ProfStud Con_CurrReqCours.docx

New Plan of Study Attached here

ProfStud Con_CatYr2324.docx

Attach any letter(s) of support from professional agencies or others within or outside the university.

Signatures

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David Weiss 02/02/2023
Requester Signature: Date

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Sara Levine 02/13/2023
Academic Dean Signature: Date

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Richard Mielke 02/12/2023
Department Chair Approval: Date

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Becky Copper Hlenz 02/23/2023
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.

Graduate Council Chair Signature Date

Notifications

Approval of the President Date

SGOCE Dean Initials Date

Reviewed by the Registrar: Date

Name of Concentration, Program

Old Plan of Study			New Plan of Study (for Cat. Yr. 23/24)		
MSCJ/MPTC			MSCJ/MPTC		
Required Courses	Pre-practicum Hours	Credits	Required Courses	Pre-practicum Hours	Credits
Course number: Title of Course			Course number: Title of Course		
Core Requirements			Core Requirements		
CJ 8580 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice		3	CJ 8580 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice		3
CJ 7320 Crime Causation		3	CJ 7320 Crime Causation		3
CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity & Comm.		3	CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity & Comm.		3
CJ 8100 Program Evaluation		3	CJ 8100 Program Evaluation		3
CJ 8200 Recruit Officer Course		12	CJ 8200 Recruit Officer Course		12
			Additional Requirements for the Concentration (NEW)		
			CJ 7250 Applied Concepts in Policing		3
			CJ 7370 Advanced Criminal Law & Procedure		3
Electives			Electives (NEW)		
Elective 1		3	Elective 1		3
Elective 2		3	Elective 2		3
Elective 3		3			
Elective 4		3			
TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM		36	TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM		36

Criminal Justice, M.S.

Professional Studies Concentration [CURRENT]

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CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity and Communication		3	CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity and Communication		3
Electives: Between 21-24 Credits		21-24	Electives: Between 15-18 Credits		15-18
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