

## 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 Weiss, MSCJ Program Chair  
 Rich Wiebe  
 Randall Grometstein  
 Kate Hazen  
 Eileen Kirk  
 Marcel Beausoleil, retired CJ faculty & current adjunct professor

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:

Program Chair [NO CHANGE]  
 David P. Weiss, PhD

Graduate Curriculum Committee [CHANGE]  
 David P. Weiss, PhD  
 Randall Grometstein, PhD  
 Richard P. Wiebe, PhD  
 Katherine Hazen, J.D., Ph.D.  
 Eileen Kirk, Ph.D.  
 Marcel Beausoleil, PhD, Adjunct Faculty

Program Description [MINOR VERBIAGE CHANGE ONLY]  
 The role of the police officer is intellectually demanding, requiring officers to possess knowledge and skills in both substantive and procedural law, police procedures, problem solving, crisis management, written and oral communication, technology, and professionalism. This course of study, following the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with the Police Certification concentration, will lead to, upon completion, both a Master of Science in Criminal Justice and a Certificate of Completion from the Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee, thereby allowing the student to apply for any Massachusetts municipal police department or that of any other state with a reciprocal agreement. In this concentration, students will complete a total of 36 credits: eight 3-credit courses that concentrate in criminal justice studies and a 12-credit Academy, which will have both a skills component and an academic component.  
 Note: This program is only open to those students who have successfully completed the Police Certification concentration in the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice at Fitchburg State University.

Program Outcomes [NO CHANGE]  
 Students who successfully complete the 4+1 Criminal Justice Police Certification concentration will:  
 Meet all of the requirements of the Municipal Police Training Academy  
 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  
Students will be eligible to seek employment with any municipal police department in Massachusetts, and with any state that has reciprocity with Massachusetts.

**Admissions Standards and Criteria [NO CHANGE]**

In addition to submitting required standard documentation for application to a graduate program as described in the Admissions section of this catalog, candidates must have successfully completed the undergraduate Fitchburg State University BS in Criminal Justice Police Certification concentration. The bachelor degree requires a minimum 2.50 GPA, with no grade lower than a 2.0 in any of the courses required for MPTC certification. The graduate candidates must continue to adhere to the requirements of the Police Training Academy.

**Required Courses [CHANGE]**

- CJ 7250 - Applied Concepts in Policing (3 credits)
- CJ 7320 Crime Causation (3 credits)
- CJ 7370 - Advanced Criminal Law & Procedure (3 credits)
- CJ 8100 Program Evaluation (3 credits)
- CJ 8200 Recruit Officer Course (12 credits) \*\*Must be completed first and is a pre-requisite for registration into the other courses within the Police Certification Concentration.
- CJ 8580 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity and Communication (3 credits)
- Electives (6 Credits)

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 adding two additional required courses to the MPTC concentration of the MSCJ program.

**Rationale and expected outcomes for program change:**

There are no anticipated changes to the "Program Outcomes" as listed on the website. The slight changes being made to the MPTC concentration will help to "tighten up" or better define and focus this policing concentration with the addition of two required courses for this concentration:

- CJ 7250 Applied Concepts in Policing
- CJ 7370 Advanced Criminal Law & Procedure

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.

MSCJ\_MPTC\_CurrReqCours.docx

New Plan of Study Attached here

MPTC Con\_Cat Yr2324.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 02/02/2023  
Academic Dean Signature: Date

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Richard Miele 02/02/2023  
Department Chair Approval: Date

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Becky Copper Heng 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.

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Graduate Council Chair Signature Date

### Notifications

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Approval of the President Date

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SGOCE Dean Initials Date

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Reviewed by the Registrar: Date

# MSCJ Program

## MPTC Concentration

### Current Required Courses

CJ 7320 Crime Causation (3 credits)

CJ 8100 Program Evaluation (3 credits)

CJ 8200 Recruit Officer Course (12 credits) \*\*Must be completed first and is a pre-requisite for registration into the other courses within the Police Certification Concentration.

CJ 8580 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice (3 credits)

CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity and Communication (3 credits)

Electives (12 Credits) from the following:

- **CJ 7250 - Applied Concepts in Policing**
- **CJ 7300 - Professional Responsibility and Community Relations for Law Enforcement**
- **CJ 7320 - Crime Causation**
- **CJ 7350 - Advanced Police Patrols Operations**
- **CJ 7370 - Massachusetts Criminal Law and Procedure**
- **CJ 8010 - Leadership and Management**
- **CJ 8100 - Program Evaluation**
- **CJ 8150 - Advanced Policy Seminar**
- **CJ 8200 - Recruit Officer Course**

## **Criminal Justice, M.S.**

## **Professional Studies Concentration [CURRENT]**

### **Graduate Program Chair**

*David Weiss, Ph.D.*

### **Graduate Committee**

Lilian Bobea, PhD

Deon Brock, PhD

*Randall Grometstein, JD, PhD*

*Richard Wiebe, JD, PhD*

*David Weiss, PhD*

*Michael McCutcheon, EdD*

Katherine Hazen, JD, PhD

Eileen Kirk, PhD

## **Professional Studies Concentration - 100% Online Program**

### **Description**

This 36 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**

- 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
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## **Plan of Study**

### **Required Courses**

CJ 7240 – Criminal Justice Process (3 Credits)

or

Students with a bachelors 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 21-24) Credits

Total 36 Credits

Professional Studies Concentration, MSCJ Program

Old Plan of Study MSCJ – Professional Studies Concentration			New Plan of Study MSCJ – Professional Studies Concentration		
Required Courses [NO CHANGE] Course number: Title of Course	Pre- practicum Hours	Credits	Required Courses [NO CHANGE] Course number: Title of Course	Pre- practicum Hours	Credits
CJ 7240 Criminal Justice Process  –OR–  Students with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice can take an elective course in place of CJ 7240		3	CJ 7240 Criminal Justice Process  –OR–  Students with a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice can take an elective course in place of CJ 7240		3
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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
<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM</b>		36	<b>TOTAL CREDITS FOR PROGRAM</b>		30