

## New Graduate Program Proposal

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### Program Request Information

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

Title of New Program: \* Community Justice Concentration (30 cr.), MSCJ Program

Department / Unit Developing: \* Behavioral Sciences

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

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

Requestor Name: \* David Weiss

Members of the Graduate Curriculum Committee: David P. Weiss, Chair  
Randall Grometstein  
Richard Wiebe  
Kate Hazen  
Eileen Kirk  
Marcel Beausoleil, Adjunct

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

### Program Details

New Program and/or New Concentration:

- New Program  
 New Concentration

Type of Program: (check all that apply)

- Certificate  
 Teacher Licensure  
 Degree

### Catalog Description

Briefly describe new program/concentration as it will appear in university catalog:

\* Community Justice Concentration (30 cr.)

Core Requirements:  
CJ 7240 Criminal Justice Process (as required)  
CJ 8580 Ethical Issues in Criminal Justice  
CJ 7320 Crime Causation  
CJ 8100 Program Evaluation  
CJ 9680 Cultural Diversity & Communication

Additional Requirements for the Concentration:  
CJ 7xxx Community Justice Approach to Criminal Justice  
CJ 8xxx Community Reentry & Integration  
CJ 7260 Social Relations and the Legal System

Electives:  
2 or 3 electives

### Learning Outcomes

List the Student Learning Outcomes for the program.

This concentration offers a unique approach to criminal justice, proposing that criminal justice activities may be decentralized to involve community in policing, courts, and corrections. It offers students ways to engage community to prevent crime and reduce the harmful consequences of criminal justice-related activities. Learning outcomes include: 1) describing the concepts

and principles of community justice across different aspects of criminal justice, including policing, courts, and corrections; 2) critically examining the aims, operation, and outcomes of community justice approaches; 3) identifying community partners and stakeholders important to community justice; 4) examining examples of community justice approaches both locally and nationally; 5) developing a community justice approach to an existing criminal justice practice; and, 6) effectively communicating knowledge and ideas about community justice using a range of written and data presentation techniques.

## Enrollment & Implementation

A Cohort Model will be used: \*  Yes  
 No

Additional faculty will be needed (day/adjunct) \*  Yes  
 No

The Program is expected to begin: \*  \*   
Semester Year

### Population Description

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

\* Grad students taking this newly-proposed "Community Justice" concentration (30 cr.) of the fully-online MSCJ program will include both current undergraduate students here at Fitchburg State desiring to further their education (e.g., CJ, SOC, HMSV, PSY undergraduate majors, among others), as well as working professionals in the field of criminal justice.

### Rationale

Rationale and expected outcomes for new program:

\* As social justice philosophies and practices become more embedded in the fabric of society and even into the fabric of the overall criminal justice system (albeit more gradually and with some resistance), the CJ Grad Committee firmly believes that offering this new Community Justice concentration provides CJ graduate students with a broader, more wholistic, socially-just approach to crime deterrence and cessation. The three additional required courses for this concentration (see attached) will allow for the integration of such broader community justice philosophies and approaches into the CJ world, thereby eventually moving the "swinging pendulum" of justice to a more socially-just place in society.

### Resources

Library and other resources needed:

\* Typical resources needed for online graduate students already provided by the University: online access to the library, online tech support, access to Blackboard software, etc. No new resources anticipated for this new concentration.

### Admissions

Describe program's admissions requirements:

\* Admissions requirements for this concentration will remain the same as for all applicants wishing to enter the CJ master's program. There is already a streamlined application process in place for current undergraduate CJ students here at Fitchburg State, as well the general admissions process for external applicants to our CJ graduate program. In short, no changes to the admissions requirements or processes.

### Implementation Plan

Describe how the new program will begin; will it be phased in; suggested execution:

\* As the fully-online CJ master's program is already in place with two current concentrations (MPTC & Professional Studies), this third new Community Justice concentration will be integrated into the overall CJ master's program in Academic Year 2023/24. The newly-proposed "CJ 7xxx Community Justice Approach to Criminal Justice" course to be taken in this new concentration will first be offered online in SP24.

## Supporting Documentation

A plan of study must be included.

If new courses are proposed or major changes are made to existing courses, submit a Graduate Council New Course Approval form. Attach any letter(s) of support from professional agencies or others within or outside the university.

Attach an approved Plan of Study: \*CommJust Concentration.docx Supporting Documentation:

### CIP Code

List the CIP code you would like associated with the program.

For a list of possible CIP codes to choose from visit [nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode).

\*NOTE - all CIP codes will be reviewed and approved by the Office of Institutional Research for final confirmation.

Proposed CIP Code: \*  \*  Yes Institutional Research is this the ideal code?  
 No

## Signatures

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Requester Signature: Date

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Sara Levine 03/08/2023  
Academic Dean Signature: Date

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Richard Miebe 03/07/2023  
Department Chair Approval: Date

Becky Copper Glenz 03/31/2023  
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

Institutional Research has checked the CIP Code.

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Institutional Research 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

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