

# Proposal for a Minor in Criminal Justice

## 1. The Criminal Justice Program

This is an interdisciplinary program involving courses offered by the departments of political science, sociology, and urban affairs and geography. Professor Charles Funderburk currently directs the program in the Department of Political Science, College of Liberal Arts.

## 2. Objectives

The Minor in Criminal Justice consists of courses in political science, sociology and urban affairs. Objectives of this minor are to develop knowledge about the criminal justice system by means of a curriculum integrating courses in criminal behavior, institutions and law. The departments of political science, sociology and urban affairs offer courses to support the CRJ program.

## 3. Description

The Minor in Criminal Justice is an interdisciplinary program, emphasizing knowledge of the criminal justice system, theories of criminal behavior, law, administration and policy. The curriculum consists of 36 credit hours.

## 4. Admissions Requirements

Students admitted into the Criminal Justice minor must have earned a minimum GPA of 2.3 and have completed a minimum of 24 credit hours including ENG 101 and 102, with a grade of C, plus HST 101 and any other two G.E courses.

## 5. Program Requirements

The curriculum of the Criminal Justice Minor consists of 36 hours of course work. The **Minor Core Requirements** consist of an overview of the criminal justice system (PLS 442), a course in criminology (either SOC 320 or SOC 330), and one Research Methods course (either URS 410 or SOC 306). The **CRJ Foundation Requirements** consist of 24 credit hours divided equally among three areas: Behavior (8 credit hours), Institutions (8 credit hours), and Law (8 credit hours). The CRJ Foundation Requirements permit students to select from alternative courses within the three areas. All CRJ classes are four credit hour courses. Catalog descriptions of CRJ courses are attached.

## **6. Program Quality**

***Comparison of Criminal Justice Major and Minor requirements:*** the CRJ major requires 68 hours of course work. At least 56 hours must consist of upper level courses, including an internship in the CRJ area. All CRJ courses are upper level except for a minimum of 12 credit hours that may be transferred from other colleges. The CRJ **minor** requires 36 hours of course work, of which at least 28 must be at the upper level. All course are graded, not P/U.

## **7. Student Performance**

A minimum GPA of 2.3 is required for admission to the CRJ major and minor programs.

## **8. Curriculum Coordination**

A program Committee consisting of a faculty member from each of the participating departments oversees the Criminal Justice program.

## **9./10. Resource Coordination/Staffing**

The Ohio Board of Regents (OBR) approved the Criminal Justice Major during fall, 2001. Since its approval last year, the CRJ program has attracted 75 majors. The College of Liberal Arts and the University have supported this program by funding for an Assistant Professor to teach and assist in advising majors, and adjunct faculty to teach additional courses. Faculty in Urban Affairs, Sociology and Political Science teach courses supporting the CRJ program. These resources are adequate to handle an estimated 25 to 30 minors the program may attract.

# **Course Descriptions**

**(Addendum to No. 5)**

## **Political Science**

### **PLS 212-4 American National Government**

Introductory survey of American national government including study of political participation, interest groups, political parties, leadership, mass media, elections and campaigns, the Constitution, presidency, Congress, bureaucracy, and the courts.

### **PLS 340-4 Law and Society**

Theories of law; in addition to the nature and functions of the judicial process.

### **PLS 342-4 Civil Liberties I: *The First Amendment***

Cases and related materials on the Bill of Rights and the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment with emphasis on the First Amendment freedoms: freedom of speech, of the press, and of religion.

### **PLS 343-4 Civil Liberties II: *Due Process and Equal Protection***

Cases and related materials on the enforcement of civil rights and liberties through the due process and equal protection claims of the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

### **PLS 375-4 Human Rights in the USA**

Examines controversies over human rights in the United States and considers contending definitions of human rights and debates over policy by focusing on a range of issues including immigration, pornography, gay rights, race relations, and poverty.

### **PLS 435-4 Political Corruption in America**

Analysis of political corruption in America, including campaigns and elections, graft, the executive branch, congressional ethics, corruption in law enforcement, organized crime, and abuse of authority.

### **PLS 436-4 Criminal Law**

Examines the nature of criminal law and reviews the law pertaining to criminal liability; inchoate crimes; the elements of crimes against persons, property, and habitation; and the defenses to criminal actions.

### **PLS 437-4 Criminal Procedure**

Examines the constitutional protections that the individual has when confronting the criminal justice system and examines the case law pertaining to the surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment (search and seizure), 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment (self-incrimination), and 6<sup>th</sup> Amendment (right to counsel).

### **PLS 439-4 Bioethics and Law**

Examines the legal implications of new biological technologies, particularly mind and behavior control, genetic engineering, birth and death control, and organ transplantation.

### **PLS 440-4 Constitutional Law**

Cases in which provisions of the constitution have been judicially interpreted. Also examines federal systems, separation of powers, and limits on government.

### **PLS 442-4 The American Criminal Justice System**

Survey of the American criminal justice system concentrating on political aspects. Police, judges, attorneys, supreme court decisions, crime, and public opinion.

### **PLS 443-4 Administrative Law Procedure**

Study of the law controlling the process by which public agencies make and administer policy. Topics include policy formulation and budgeting, legislative delegation, administrative agencies, rule making, and adjudication.

### **PLS 448-4 Gender Violence and American Politics**

Examines gender violence in the United States. Considers the range of violence, its sources, and solutions. Topics include domestic violence, rape, eating disorders, reproductive rights, and pornography.

### **PLS 472-4 International Terrorism**

Surveys the phenomenon of terrorism, who employs it, how and why it occurs in international politics, and how targets respond to terrorism. The special problems terrorism creates for democracies and the politics of hostage-taking are examined.

## **Sociology**

### **SOC 231-3 Violence**

Defines violence, explores patterns at individual and group levels, and examines explanations for change in quantity and intensity. Areas covered include criminal violence, domestic violence, rape, homicide, and genocide.

### **SOC 306-4 Introduction to Research Methods**

Philosophical and applied issues of sociological investigation. Various means of collecting sociological data are analyzed

### **SOC 313-1 Intensive Alcohol Education Program**

Students are observer/participants in the intensive alcohol education program which presents individuals with factual material about the effect of substance abuse, both physically and socially, so that they can make knowledgeable decisions about their usage. Graded pass/unsatisfactory.

### **SOC 315-3 Drug and Alcohol Intervention Workshop**

Participant observation of the intervention and treatment of drug and alcohol problems including therapy and counseling groups, client/therapist contact, and professionals practicing intervention and confrontation techniques. May be taken for letter grade or P/U.

### **SOC 320-4 Sociology of Deviant Behavior**

Extensive exploration of the various sociological approaches to the study of deviance and social disorganization with emphasis on contemporary sociological theory and research.

### **SOC 330-4 Criminology**

Survey of crime, some causal theories, and attempts at crime prevention in the United States.

### **SOC 332-4 Juvenile Delinquency**

Problems of definition and treatment of delinquency. Preparation for further study and work with delinquents.

### **SOC 350-4 Sociology of Work**

Investigation, analysis, and discussion of contemporary theories focusing on the relationship of the individual to work.

### **SOC 422-4 The Courts**

Students will critically examine the process, structure, and effects of the U.S. Court system. Special attention to issues of race, class, and other social factors that affect justice in society.

### **SOC 432-4 Penology**

Historical development and critical assessment of penal institutions. Field visits to selected institutions.

### **SOC 440-4 Bureaucracy and Bureaucrats**

Examination of the nature of modern bureaucratic organizations, their place in society, and consequences of bureaucratic forms for their members and society.

### **SOC 442-4 Race and Minority Relationships**

Study of intergroup, racial, and ethnic group relations including the processes and consequences of conflict, prejudice, and discrimination.

### **SOC 457-4 Policing in Society**

This course will discuss the history and theories of policing while reviewing the role and function of the police.

### **SOC 459-4 Explaining Crime**

Objective is to provide students with a sound understanding of theories of crime and how they operate within society as part of our understanding of the criminal justice system.

## **Urban Affairs**

### **URS 410-4 Urban Empirical Research**

Introduces students to research and data collection methods used to explore and explain urban issues. Preparation course for URS 411 and students interested in empirical research. Investigates what makes research useful, valid, and ethical. Requires evaluating and developing research designs.

### **URS 420-4 Public Safety Administration**

Policing, corrections, fire, emergency medical services, and emergency management systems will be examined to provide an understanding of the services offered, technologies used, problems faced, and alternatives available in each of the areas.

### **URS 450-4 Ethics in Public Service**

Systematic development of ethics in public service, including individual roles and obligations, values, standards, and codes of conduct.

## **Political Science/Urban Affairs**

### **PLS/URS 321-4 City Politics**

Governments and politics of metropolitan regions, government structure and functions, and interest and power relations.

### **PLS/URS 345-4 Public Administration**

Nature and scope of public administration; administrative law; and public interest in the administrative process.

### **PLS/URS 446-4 Public Budgeting**

Examination of the major phase of the governmental budget cycle, types of budget, budgetary reform, economic and public impact of government budgeting. decision-making process, and legislative/executive relations in budget formation and implementation.

## **Teaching Faculty** (Addendum to No. 9/10)

### **Political Science**

#### **Full-Time**

Edward A. Fitzgerald, J.D. and Ph.D., Professor

Charles Funderburk, Ph.D., Professor, Director of Criminal Justice Program

December Green, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Director of International Studies

Donna M. Schlagheck, Ph.D., Professor, Chair of Political Science

James L. Walker, Ph.D., Professor (Retired)

#### **Adjunct**

Don Dulle, J.D., Assistant Professor, Greene County Prosecutor's Office

Craig King, J.D., Assistant Professor, Greene County Prosecutor's Office

Greg Lockhart, J.D., United States Attorney's Office

### **Sociology**

#### **Full-Time**

Jacqueline Bergdahl, Ph.D., Instructor

David Bogumil, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Marlese Durr, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Director, Women's Studies Program

Tracey Steele, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Greg Walker, ABD, Visiting Assistant Professor

Norma Wilcox, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

#### **Adjunct**

Phyllis Cole, Assistant Professor, Director, Community Health Program

## **Urban Affairs**

### **Full-Time**

Jack Dustin, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Chair, Urban Affairs & Geography,  
Director, CUPA

Jerry Killian, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

William Pammer, Jr., Ph.D., Professor, Director, Master's of Urban Administration

### **Adjunct**

Shari Lewis, MPA, Assistant Provost for Planning

John Morrisette, Ph.D., Assistant Professor

Chief Patrick Oliver, Fairborn Police Department

**Minor Checksheet  
in Criminal Justice**

Student \_\_\_\_\_ SSN \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

**Instructions for Declaring a Minor in Criminal Justice**

Submit the DUAL/DOUBLE major Degree Adding/Dropping a Minor application form available at the College of Liberal Arts office to Dr. Charles Funderburk, Criminal Justice Program director and advisor. (His mailbox is located in the Political Science Department, 325 Millett Hall.) Please review with Dr. Funderburk the requirements for the minor degree. At the time of a student's application for graduation, the Criminal Justice Program advisor will certify completion of all requirements for the minor to the College of Liberal Arts.

**A. CRJ Minor Core Requirements**

**12 Credit Hours**

\_\_\_\_ PLS 442 American Criminal Justice System    **and either**

\_\_\_\_ SOC 320 Sociology of Deviant Behavior    **or**    \_\_\_\_ SOC 330 Criminology    **and either**

\_\_\_\_ SOC 306 Introduction to Research Methods    **or**    \_\_\_\_ URS 410 Urban Empirical Research

**B. Criminal Justice Foundation Requirements – 2 Courses from each area**

**24 Credit Hours**

**Area 1 – Behavior (8 Credit Hours)**

____ PLS 435	____ SOC 313	____ SOC 332
____ PLS 448	____ SOC 315	____ SOC 442
____ PLS 472	____ SOC 320	____ SOC 459
____ SOC 231	____ SOC 330	____ URS 450

**Area 2 – Institutions (8 Credit Hours)**

____ PLS 212	____ PLS/URS 345	____ SOC 432
____ PLS 443	____ PLS/URS 446	____ SOC 440
____ PLS/URS 321	____ SOC 350	____ SOC 457
		____ URS 420

**Area 3 – Law (8 Credit Hours)**

____ PLS 340	____ PLS 375	____ PLS 439
____ PLS 342	____ PLS 436	____ PLS 440
____ PLS 343	____ PLS 437	____ SOC 422

**Total**

**36 Credit Hours**

## Summary of CRJ Minor Requirements

<b>A. CRJ Minor Core Requirements.....12 Credit Hours</b> <b>PLS 442 <u>and either</u></b> <b>SOC 306 <u>or</u> URS 410 <u>and either</u></b> <b>SOC 320 <u>or</u> SOC 330</b>
<b>B. Criminal Justice Foundation Requirement.....24 Credit Hours</b> <b>(2 Courses from Each Area)</b> <b>Area 1 – Behavior (8 Credit Hours)</b> <b>Area 2 – Institutions (8 Credit Hours)</b> <b>Area 3 – Law (8 Credit Hours)</b>
<b>Total (Minimum Hours Required to Complete Minor)....36 Credit Hours</b>

PLS 212 American National Government

PLS 340 Law and Society

PLS 342 Civil Liberties I

PLS 343 Civil Liberties II

PLS 375 Human Right in USA

PLS 435 Political Corruption

PLS 436 Criminal Law

PLS 437 Criminal Procedure

PLS 439 Bioethics & Law

PLS 440 Constitutional Law

PLS 442 American Criminal  
Justice System

PLS 443 Administrative Law Procedure

PLS 448 Gender Violence and  
American Politics

PLS 472 International Terrorism

SOC 231 Violence

SOC 306 Introduction to Research Methods

SOC 313 Intensive Alcohol Education

SOC 315 Drug and Alcohol Intervention Workshop

SOC 320 Sociology of Deviant Behavior

SOC 330 Criminology

SOC 332 Juvenile Delinquency

SOC 350 Sociology of Work

SOC 422 The Courts

SOC 432 Penology (Study of Prison Management)

SOC 440 Bureaucracy and Bureaucrats

SOC 442 Race and Minority Relationships

SOC 457 Policing in Society

SOC 459 Explaining Crime

URS 410 Urban Empirical Research

URS 420 Public Safety Administration

URS 450 Ethics in Public Service

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