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Dale Willits has submitted a request for a major curricular change. His/her email address is: dale.willits@wsu.edu.

Requested change: Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

Degree: M.A. in criminal justice and criminology

Title: Non-Thesis

Requested Effective Date: Fall 2021

Revise plan requirement: Yes

Dean: Jockers, Matthew – Dean – CAS,

Chair: Neuilly, Melanie-Angela – Chair – Criminal Justice and Criminology ,

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Both Chair and Dean approval is required to complete the submission process. Please indicate that you have reviewed the proposal by highlighting one of the statements below and **reply all** to this email. (curriculum.submit@wsu.edu.)
[Details of major change requested can be found in the attached supplemental

documentation]

1. I approve this proposal in its current form.

2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.

3. I do not approve this proposal. Please return to submitter.

If you do not respond within one week, you will be sent a reminder email. If no response is received within three weeks of the submission date, the proposal will be returned to the submitter.

Thank you for your assistance as we embark on this new process. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu.

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Rational for Revision of M.A. Program in Criminal Justice and Criminology

The proposed revision of the M.A. program in Criminal Justice and Criminology is necessary to align this program with the Ph.D. revisions also recommended in an additional submission. The same factors that make the revisions of the Ph.D. program necessary exist for the M.A. program as well. Specifically, we require too many courses in comparison to our peer programs, both in terms of social science programs at WSU and criminal justice/criminology programs at other universities. Relatedly, we have experienced resource constraints that make it difficult for us to regularly offer all the required courses should any unexpected issues arise. As a result, we are proposing a curriculum in which two of the required courses are dropped to free up space more broadly. This revision aligns with a proposed PhD revision submitted as well, in order to ensure that our required staffing issues align for the two graduate programs.

Relatedly, we are adding the “or equivalent” designation to some of our remaining core courses as we plan to seek working agreements with other social science departments to pool graduate teaching resources.

In addition, the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology recently underwent a department-level strategic planning exercise. As a result of this process, our mission and vision statement reflect a desire to focus on issues of equity and justice. While our current curriculum addresses these topics within other courses, we do not currently require our students to take a course dedicated to these issues. One required course (an option between two existing courses) reflecting this mission/vision statement is proposed. While this only results in a net of one reduced required course, this aligns with the revisions proposed to the Ph.D. program to reduce course requirements and is particularly needed as the courses eliminated for the curriculum cannot be guaranteed to be offered if removed from the Ph.D. program as well.

Lastly, we propose to add a 1-credit professionalization course to the M.A. program. This course is currently required only for our Ph.D. students, yet many of our M.A. students apply for Ph.D. programs (here and at other universities) at the end of their program here. Further, the topics covered in the course apply to both M.A. and Ph.D. students. Lastly, this one credit course makes it easier for students to register for the 10 required credit hours in their first semester

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MASTER'S IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

To obtain a M.A. in Criminal Justice and Criminology requires that a student complete a total of 30 semester hours, including a minimum of 25 hours of graded coursework² and a minimum of 4 hours of CRMJ 800 research credits. The following section sets out the specific coursework requirements.

Course Requirements

Core Courses (20 credits):

- CRMJ 514 – Professional Development (1 credit pass/fail)
- CRMJ 520 Or Equivalent – Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (3 credits)
- CRMJ 522 Or Equivalent – Foundations of Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (4 credits)
- CRMJ 530 – Criminal Justice: Processes and Institutions (3 credits)
- CRMJ 540 – Seminar in Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation (3 credits)
- CRMJ 555 – Seminar in Criminological Theory (3 credits)
- CRMJ 513 – Multicultural Issues in Criminal Justice or CRMJ 580 – Gender and Justice (3 credits)

Institutional Courses (6 credits minimum):

- ~~— Policing (such as CRMJ 570, 572)~~
- ~~— Corrections (such as CRMJ 541, 542)~~
- ~~— Courts (such as CRMJ 560)~~

Electives (6 credits):

- Select two courses from within the DCJC or from other departments. Non-criminal justice courses must be relevant to a student's educational and professional goals and must be approved by the student's committee and the DCJC Graduate Advisor.

CRMJ 702: Master's Special Problems, Directed Study, and/or Examination (4 credits minimum):

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(*Satisfactory or Unsatisfactory grade*)