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

**Requested change:** Revise or Drop Graduate Plan

**Degree:** Ph.D. in criminal justice and criminology

**Title:** Thesis

**Requested Effective Date:** Fall 2021

Revise plan requirement: Yes

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1. I approve this proposal in its current form.
2. I approve this proposal with revisions. Revisions are attached.
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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](mailto:wsu.curriculum@wsu.edu).

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## **Rational for Revision of Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice and Criminology**

The proposed revision of the Ph.D. program in Criminal Justice and Criminology is necessary as the result of three distinct factors: 1) comparison to other programs; 2) alignment with mission and vision statement, and 3) increasing flexibility in course offerings.

- 1) An internal study concludes that our current curriculum is not well aligned with curriculum of other social science programs at WSU or top ranked programs in criminal justice and criminology. We currently require 47 graded credit hours (divided over 10 required graded courses, 5 electives, and 1 non-graded course) to complete the Ph.D. in criminal justice and criminology (sociology and political science each require 34 credits). Similarly, a study of the top 25 Criminal Justice/Criminology Departments indicates that these departments, on average, require approximately 7 courses for the Ph.D. and none of these departments require the same set of courses as WSU, which suggests our curriculum is potentially out of date. As Criminal Justice and Criminology at WSU is the 25<sup>th</sup> ranked Ph.D. program in the country, this situation puts us at risk of falling further in the rankings. Therefore, our proposal seeks to reduce the number of both overall credit hours and the number of required core courses more specifically. We are also 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.
- 2) 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. Therefore, our proposed curriculum adds one requirement in this area in which students must select between 1 of 2 required courses.
- 3) Like many departments at WSU, the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology has experienced a recent reduction in tenured and tenure-track faculty. This, coupled with our resource intensive curriculum, leaves us in a state at which we are extremely vulnerable to additional shocks (faculty buyouts, faculty departures, medical leave, and so forth). At our current staffing levels, faculty are required to teach an extensive set of courses and we can offer few electives, as well as being less involved in the undergraduate program. The new curriculum addresses this issue through the reduction of required core courses addressed above.

# REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PH.D. IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND CRIMINOLOGY

To obtain a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice and Criminology requires that a student complete a total of 72 semester hours, including a minimum of 36~~39~~ hours of graded coursework<sup>2</sup> and a minimum of 24~~33~~ hours of CRMJ 800 research credits. The following section sets out the specific coursework requirements.

## *Course Requirements*

### **Core Courses (24 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 – Introductory Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (4 credits)
- CRMJ 523 – Intermediate 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 (9 credits):**

- ~~CRMJ 541 – Seminar in Corrections or CRMJ 542 Community Corrections~~
- ~~CRMJ 560 – Prosecution and Adjudication~~
- ~~CRMJ 570 – The Police and Society or CRMJ 572 Comparative Policing~~

### **Advanced Method-Based Courses (3 credits minimum):**

~~One course in advanced methodology selected from a variety of courses already offered throughout the university, such as:~~

- ~~CRMJ 524 – Advanced Quantitative Techniques in Criminal Justice and Criminology (may be taken more than once)~~
- ~~CRMJ 521 – Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (may be taken more than once)~~

### **Electives (15 credits):**

Courses from within the DCJC or from other departments. DCJC courses include:

- CRMJ 505 – Comparative Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 510 – Leadership in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 511 – Criminal Justice Management (3 credits)
- CRMJ 512 – Juvenile Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 513 – Multicultural Issues in Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 521 – Advanced Research Methods in Criminal Justice and Criminology (3 credits)
- CRMJ 524 – Advanced Topics in Quantitative Methods (3 credits)
- CRMJ 531 – Drugs, Alcohol, and Crime (3 credits)
- CRMJ 541 – Seminar in Corrections (3 credits)
- CRMJ 542 - Community Corrections (3 credits)
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- CRMJ 560 – Prosecution and Adjudication (3 credits)
- CRMJ 570 – The Police and Society (3 credits)
- CRMJ 572 – Seminar in Comparative Policing (3 credits)
- CRMJ 580 – Gender and Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 591 – Seminar in the Administration of Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- ~~CRMJ 593 – Special Topics in Criminological Theory~~
- CRMJ 594 – Special Topics in Comparative Criminology and Criminal Justice (3 credits)
- CRMJ 595 – Advanced Topics in Criminal Justice Institutions and Processes (3 credits)
- CRMJ 596 – Special Topics: Criminal Justice and Public Health (3 credits)

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<sup>2</sup> CRMJ 514 is a 1 credit non-graded course.

**CRMJ 800 – Doctoral Research, Dissertation, and/or Examination (2433 credits minimum)**

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