

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dorene Branson, Principal Assistant
Faculty Senate

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

DATE: February 20, 2013

SUBJECT: Criminal Justice Certificate

On Tuesday, February 19th, the Graduate Studies Committee approved the creation of the certificate in Global Justice and Security Studies option for the Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology. Please forward this to the Faculty Senate for appropriate approvals.

**Proposal for a Certificate in Global Justice and Security to be offered
by the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology**

**Certificate in Global Justice and Security Studies Option for the
Masters Degree in Criminal Justice and Criminology**

Rationale

The Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology seeks to establish a Certificate Option in Global Justice and Security within the existing Masters or Arts in Criminal Justice Program. The Certificate can be earned simultaneously with the MA but will require one additional course beyond the nine courses required by the Masters Degree.

The Certificate will adapt the existing Masters in Global Justice and Security offered by the School of Politics, Philosophy and Public Policy as a terminal MA and offer it as the Certificate Option within the MA in Criminal Justice and Criminology. The Political Science MA in Global Justice and Security was developed jointly by faculty in Political Science and Criminal Justice as a multi-disciplinary degree in response to requests by Graduate Students in both Political Science and Criminal Justice for a graduate degree which focuses on an important and growing issue in world politics and comparative/international criminal justice.

The MA in Political Science in Global Justice and Security requires four core courses -two from Political Science and two from Criminal Justice - and additional elective courses which can be taken from either Political Science or Criminal Justice or other Departments (by agreement from the Faculty Committee) The required and elective courses are taught by faculty from both Political Science and Criminal Justice and Criminology. The Program has gathered substantial and consistent enrollment from both Political Science and Criminal Justice graduate students. Faculty in Criminal Justice and Criminology and Political Science are uniquely qualified to teach the Global Justice and Security which incorporates knowledge and theory from such diverse topics as Comparative Criminal Justice and Politics, International Security, International Policing, International Relations, US Foreign Policy, Criminological Theory, and the Psychology of Violence.

The main reason for developing a certificate under the MA in Criminal Justice is the desire by criminal justice graduate students who wish to earn their MA in Criminal Justice but also would like some acknowledgment that they have taken courses which qualify them for a

Certificate in Global Justice and Security. Right now, if they wish to get an MA in Global Justice and Security, it will be listed as an MA in Political Science rather than a MA in Criminal Justice.

Establishing the Certificate under the Criminal Justice and Criminology MA will most likely increase interest, demand and enrollment, especially from Criminal Justice graduate students. It is unlikely to diminish the interest and demand by Political Science graduate students for the MA in Political Science. The basic effect of the proposal is that the Certificate option will lead to Criminal Justice students receiving a Criminal Justice MA as well as the Certificate.

Student Learning Objectives

The MA in Political Science and the Certificate Option in Criminal Justice and Criminology addresses important, growing, and complex security and justice problems which are linked to what is commonly called 'globalization' in its various forms. Two critical consequences of the economic, cultural, technological, and political changes wrought by globalization are first, the declining distinction between domestic and international security threats leading to issues which cannot be addressed by maintaining the distinctions in policy, theory, and analyses pertaining to domestic and international security realms as distinct and requiring different theoretical and policy approaches. Second, the nature of security threats has changed significantly from traditional military threats to now include threats which arise from different sources and are carried out by state and non-state actors. Policies and theories protecting national and individual security, safety and justice now have to focus on military threats, asymmetrical warfare, terrorism, and numerous forms of transnational organized crime, and also have to abide by established international conventions and regime norms designed to protect human rights and the rule of law.

The goals and objectives of the MA in Political Science and the Certificate Option in Criminal Justice and Security include:

Understand the changing nature of security and justice problems and issues in the current global world;

Be able to conceptualize, analyze and theorize why such have occurred and will continue to change;

Become familiar with the political, cultural, economic and societal diversity of nations, countries and groups across the world;

Acquire the cultural, methodological and analytical skills to interpret available information related to security and justice issues;

Understand the basic domestic and foreign policy programs and goals adopted by the USA and other countries to deal with the new global security agenda;

Prepare students for careers in government and private security related organization both in the USA and globally.

Desired Learning Outcomes

Students earning the Certificate will be able to demonstrate

A basic understanding of current political, economic, cultural, and security trends in the world;

Knowledge of major factors and drivers of changes in the global and domestic security and justice environments;

Ability to describe, in some detail, basic policy approaches and programs relevant to diverse security challenges adopted by the USA and other countries;

The methodological and analytical ability to assess the effectiveness of various policies;

Detailed knowledge and understanding of specific security issues relevant to their theoretical and career interests

Show that they can describe and evaluate security and justice problems from a non-parochial and global perspective.

The achievement of learning objectives will be evaluated in an oral defense required as part of gaining an MA in Criminal Justice and Criminology and a Certificate in Global Justice and Security.

Certificate Structure

General Rules

The Certificate Option is available only to students who have been admitted and have enrolled in the CRMJ MA program. The Certificate is not available to graduate students in other Departments. In order to receive the Certificate students will have to successfully complete ten courses in the CRMJ MA program.

To enroll in the Certificate Program, students in the CRMJ MA program have to notify the Graduate Studies Committee in the Department that they wish to pursue the Certificate Option. The Graduate Studies Committee will decide whether to accept the student into the Certificate program or not and will notify the student of its decision. Being denied admission to the Certificate Option does not prevent the student from

receiving an MA upon successful conclusion of the required courses for MA program. Once admitted, the student's program statement form will indicate that admission.

The Certificate Option requires ten courses. Nine (9) of the ten courses required for the Certificate Option can also be used to meet the nine (9) course requirements for the CRMJ MA. Which of the elective courses a student selects to meet the CRMJ MA and the Certificate Option requirements will depend on the interests of each student.

Course Requirements

A minimum of 30 semester-hours total credits is required for the certificate, including seven core courses and three elective courses.

At least 30 hours of graded course work, 21 of which must be at the 500-level.

No more than 9 hours of non-graduate (400-level) graded course work

Graduate School regulations allow the transfer of six credits from an accredited program. Requests for transfer will be evaluated by the Graduate Studies Committee of the Department and must be approved by the Graduate School.

Seven required courses

CRMJ/PS 503 Research Methods in Political Science and Criminal Justice 3 Social science research design topics, measurement, sampling, data sources, experimental and quasi-experimental designs, field and historical designs, content analytic designs. (Crosslisted course offered as POL S 503, CRM J 503).

CRMJ/PS 504 Quantitative Methods in Political Science and Criminal Justice 3 Applied statistical skills, enabling understanding of substantive political and social questions. (Crosslisted course offered as POL S 504, CRM J 504).

CRMJ/PS 505 Comparative Criminal Justice 3 Comparative study of crime laws and criminal justice systems in selected foreign countries. (Crosslisted course offered as CRM J 505, POL S 505).

CRMJ 555 Seminar in Criminological Theory 3 Individual, situational and ecological correlates of criminal behavior; data sources and empirical research.

CRMJ 572 Seminar in Comparative Policing 3 Study of the history, organization, and policies of policing systems in selected countries and of transnational policing.

PS 424 [M] US National Security Policy 3 Substantive and theoretical research on issues relevant to formulation and requirements of post-Cold War, US national security and defense policy.

PS 531 Seminar in International Security 3 International security and arms control politics, negotiations, agreements.

Three elective courses selected, with approval of the Graduate Studies Committee for DCJC, from:

CRMJ 400 Criminal Justice [M] Issues in the Administration of Criminal Justice 3 May be repeated for credit; cumulative maximum 6 hours. Selected topics in criminal justice: **Transnational Crime**

CRMJ 530 Criminal Justice: Process and Institutions 3 Processes of criminal justice in the context of the social, political, and economic environments.

CRMJ 540/PS 541 Seminar in Evaluation Research 3 Interrelationship of ideology, data, policy development, and policy implementation in public policy analysis. (Crosslisted course offered as CRM J 540, POL S 541)

CRMJ 541 Seminar in Corrections 3 Current issues related to the control, management, and sanctioning of criminal offenders. Cooperative course taught by WSU, open to UI students (CJ 541).

CRMJ 560 Prosecution and Adjudication 3 The function of courts and the behavior of prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges within the criminal justice system.

CRMJ 570 The Police and Society 3 Community and selected social institutional factors as related to their influence on police systems.

Cooperative course taught by WSU, open to UI students (JS 570).

PS 400 Political Science Issues 3 May be repeated for credit; cumulative maximum 6 hours. Current issues in political science: **Homeland Security**.

PS 533 Topics in Political Psychology 3 May be repeated for credit; cumulative maximum 6 hours. Psychological influences on political decision making, bargaining, conflict and conflict resolution options.

Administration and Oversight

The Chair of the Department will be primarily responsible for the administration of the Certificate Option, as it is under the MA program.

Students taking the Certificate Option will be treated as regular graduate students with all the privileges, immunities, and resources available to all MA graduate students.

Students who have been admitted directly to the Ph.D. program with a BA degree can enroll in the Certificate Option, since they will earn the MA degree as they make progress toward the Ph.D.

The Certificate program will be advised and guided by a three-faculty committee drawn from Criminal Justice and Criminology and Political Science, as this is a multi-disciplinary program. The participation of a Political Science faculty on the committee will be negotiated with individual faculty teaching courses in the Certificate program.

The committee will be established once the Certificate is approved. The committee will guide the administration of the Certificate; evaluate the suitability of proposed new course offerings and the ongoing relevance of existing courses; liaison with Political Science faculty who are teaching courses within the Certificates to consult on changes in Political Science faculty and interests; coordinate course offerings to be able to make required courses available on time and without overlap; and conduct the passing out oral exam.

The contact person for the Certificate will be the Graduate Advisor in the Department, currently Otwin Marenin.

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