

CALIFORNIA STATE POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY, POMONA  
ACADEMIC SENATE

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO  
THE ACADEMIC SENATE

AP-038-156

BA IN CRIMINOLOGY

Academic Programs Committee

Date: 05/15/2016

Executive Committee  
Received and Forwarded

Date: 05/18/2016

Academic Senate

Date: 05/25/2016  
First Reading

**BACKGROUND:** The Department of Psychology/Sociology has proposed a new major program BA in Criminology for the semesters. The program existed as the Criminology Subplan/Option for the BA in Sociology under the quarter system.

The department proposed to elevate the Criminology Option in Sociology to a Major in Criminology to respond the needs prompted both by student interest and by increased visibility of the field in the academy and among employers. The department believes that elevating the Criminology Option to a Criminology Major would meet the increasing needs and result in a large increase in the number of new majors. The proposal followed the guidelines of “Elevating Options and Concentrations to Full Degree Major Programs” (Chancellor’s Office) and provided required information by the guideline.

**RESOURCES CONSULTED:**

Deans  
Associate Deans  
Department Chairs  
All Faculty

**DISCUSSION:**

Before reaching the Academic Programs Committee, this program was reviewed by the College Curriculum Committee in the College of Letters Arts and Social Sciences as well as the Dean of CLASS and the Office of Academic Programs. All concerns raised at those levels were addressed. The Academic Programs Committee then conducted campus-wide consultation, as well as its own review of the program. No concerns were raised.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Academic Programs Committee recommends approval to elevate the “Criminology Option in Sociology” to a new major “B.A. in Criminology” for the semesters.