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ACADEMIC PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

REPORT TO
THE ACADEMIC SENATE

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BA IN CRIMINOLOGY

Academic Programs Committee

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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.

Psychology and Sociology - Elevating Criminology Option to Criminology Major

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Department	Psychology and Sociology
Proposal Title	Elevating Criminology Option to Criminology Major
	<p>Introduction:</p> <p>Throughout the CSU system criminology and criminal justice majors are popular and large programs, most of which have over 600 majors; several are impacted. This proposal for elevating the Criminology Option in Psychology and Sociology to a Major in Criminology is prompted both by student interest and by increased visibility of the field in the academy and among employers. Currently the department has approximately 35 minors in Criminal Justice and 134 Sociology majors in the Criminology Option. Given the popularity of the major at nearby campuses (including the numbers of students turned away from these programs) and the demand here, we would argue that elevating the Criminology Option to a Criminology Major would result in a large increase in the number of new majors. It is a logical “next step” and meets the requirements as stated by the Chancellor’s Office (CO).</p> <p>In accordance with the CO document “Elevating Options and Concentrations to Full Degree Major Programs” the following will be provided in this request: (1) a well-supported rationale for elevating the concentration to a full degree program; (2) a side-by-side comparison of the existing degree major and concentration with the proposed new major, showing the catalog number, title, and number of units; and (3) evidence of a significantly greater campus commitment to the program than was required to establish it as a specialization area.</p> <p>1. Rationale for elevating the concentration to a full degree program</p> <p>The rationale for the requested elevation from an option to a major is two-fold. First, there are significant societal factors and changes in the field of criminology that make a new criminology program not only a community service but also a social good. Second, there is ample evidence of student demand for the major.</p> <p>1. Societal factors</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Even though street crime rates continue to stabilize or experience a downward trend in most places, our police forces are undergoing increased public scrutiny regarding their “tough on crime” practices. There is a growing demand by city governments and the public at large for smart policing tactics that do not alienate the community. Law enforcement professionals are increasingly required to have flexible minds and innovative ideas. They are expected to engage in critical thinking, display strong communication skills, and be able to engage in complex problem solving. They need to have the sensitivity to work effectively with diverse populations. The cutting-edge criminology program we are proposing will be grounded in a liberal arts education (which focused on developing these skills areas) and will help Cal Poly Pomona students who go into law enforcement to be better prepared for these challenges than graduates from other programs. Moreover, our department’s expertise in the examination of inequality and systemic racial injustice position us well to provide exactly what communities are looking for in law enforcement professionals.1. While continuing to provide course content in traditional criminological areas and teach our students about “street crime” phenomena, this major will also address some of the innovations in the field of criminology. For example, police forces and the criminal justice system in general are increasingly focused on data driven decision regarding resource allotments such as patrol cars and the placement of community policing efforts. We will offer classes in data analysis and strategic analytic techniques. Further, our curriculum will offer classes in human rights, white collar and other forms of international and organized crime, which would reflect changes in the field.

1. According to the American Sociological Association Task Force on Sociology and Criminology Programs, criminology programs continue to be popular throughout the country as well as a draw for future employers.

1. Student Demand:

All CSUs with criminology or criminal justice programs were contacted in the summer of 2015 and again in February 2016 in order to ascertain the number of students in the major/concentration and whether department chairs struggle to service all the students enrolled and/or are forced to turn students away. Both of these factors will be addressed below. Table 1 provides an overview of the enrollment of the various current programs. It is followed by excerpts from informal reports from various CSUs.

Table 1: Criminology, Justice Studies and Criminal Justice Majors and Options within the CSU system

SCHOOL	COLLEGE	DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED STUDENT POP.
Bakersfield	School of Social Sciences and Education	Criminal Justice	600 Impacted
Channel Islands	N/A	N/A	N/A
Chico	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dominguez Hills	Business Administration and Public Policy	Criminal Justice Administration	No response
East Bay	CLASS	Criminal Justice Administration	800
Fresno State	College of Social Sciences	Criminology	1500
Fullerton	College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Public Administration and Criminal Justice	1300
Humboldt	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science	Sociology- Criminology and Justice Studies - major	No response
Long Beach	College of Health and Human Services information	Criminology, Criminal Justice and Emergency Management	360
Los Angeles	College of Natural and Social Science	Sociology Law and Society Option	425
Los Angeles	College of Health and Human Services	School of Criminal Justice and Criminalistics	650 Majors 600 "undeclared with an intent to major in CJ" Impacted
Maritime Academy	N/A	N/A	N/A
Northridge	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	Department of Sociology—option in Criminology and Criminal Justice	750
Cal Poly Pomona	College of Letters, Arts, and Social Science	Department of Psychology and Sociology— Option in Sociology	134 Impacted
Sacramento	College of Health and Human Sciences	Criminal Justice	1770 Impacted
San Bernardino	College of Social and Behavioral Sciences	Criminal Justice	512 Impacted
San Diego State	School of Public Affairs	Criminal Justice	1000 Impacted
San Francisco	College of Health and Social	Criminal Justice Studies	650 Impacted

Other Curricular Changes Summary

State SCHOOL	Sciences COLLEGE	DEPARTMENT	ESTIMATED STUDENT POP.
San Jose State	College of Applied Sciences and Arts	Justice Studies	600 Impacted
Cal Poly San Luis Obispo	College of Liberal Arts	Sociology- Criminal Justice Concentration	22
San Marcos	College of Humanities, Arts, Behavioral and Social Science	Sociology- Criminology and Justice Studies major	900-1000
Sonoma State	School of Social Sciences	Criminology and Criminal Justice	400 Impacted
Stanislaus	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Science	Criminal Justice	700

Of the twenty-one departments offering programs, nine are officially impacted. The following summaries, gathered from e-mails with various CSUs speak to the tenor of student enrollment challenges.

At CSU San Bernardino, the Fall 2015 first time freshman enrollment is 115% of capacity and transfer enrollment is 121%. They denied 299 eligible first time freshman and 78 transfers for fall 2016. They have received 189% of their applicant quota for first time freshman for fall 2016.

The chair of justice studies at San Jose, Dr. James Daniel Lee, wrote that they are handling as many students as they can and suspects that "...if we were to take all interested students, we would have about 30% higher numbers."

Dr. Stuart Henry from CSUSD stated "We used to have a 2.4 GPA but increased it to 2.6 in 2006 and 2.8 in 2012 because of College fears that we'd be swamped with CJ students." He goes on, "[F]or any one year we currently 3,250 applications; our enrollment services only admits 18% and only 9% actually come (that is both freshman and transfers). It would seem to me given our application numbers that the potential market for say a 2.4 GPA major is huge."

Dr. Christie Gardiner from CSU Fullerton simply stated, "Our major [1300 students] is not considered 'impacted' though we could make a case that it is."

At Cal State LA, according to Chair Dr. Denise Herz from Criminal Justice, "Transfer students can be admitted at application to the university to our major if they meet our criteria and we have space, but freshmen have to come as 'undeclared with an intent to major in CJ' and apply once they meet our criteria." The department chair in sociology, Dr. Gretchen Peterson, wrote that "[W]e do get a sizeable number of students interested in criminal justice who end up coming to major in sociology because they do not meet the impaction criteria for admission into criminal justice." She estimates that 31% of the students who requested a change of major to sociology came from Criminal Justice or Pre-Criminal Justice majors.

1. Side-by-side comparison of the existing degree major and concentration with the proposed new major, showing the catalog number, title, and number of units

SOCIOLOGY MAJOR/ CRM OPTION					CRIMINOLOGY MAJOR				
SOC	2201	3	D1	Introduction to Sociology	SOC	2201	3	D1	Introduction to Sociology
SOC	2203	3		Social Problems					
					SOC	2204	3 +1		Research Methods
SOC	2205	3	A3	Research Methods in Sociology					
SOC	3305	3		Classic Sociological Theory	SOC	3305	3		Classic Sociological Theory
SOC	3306	3		Contemporary Sociological Theory					
SOC	3307/L	3		Statistics for Sociology with Lab					
SOC	4410/L or 4411/L	3		Quantitative Methods with Lab or Qualitative Methods with Lab					
SOC	3328 or 3320	3		Gender and Sexuality or Race and Ethnic Relations					
SOC	4402	3		Socialization: Self and Society					

SOC	3345	3	D3	Crime, Criminalization and Society					
SOC	4498	3		Senior Seminar					
CRM	2201	3		Introduction to Criminology					
					CRM	3		Criminological Theory	
					CRM	3+1		Criminological Research Methods	
					CRM	3		White Collar Crime	
					CRM	3		Punishment and Policy	
					CRM	3		Drug Policy	
					CRM	2		Internship/Community Service	
					CRM	3+1		Senior Seminar/Capstone	
					CRM	3360	3	Juvenile Delinquency	
Social Responses to Crime: Choose one of the Following					Social Responses to Crime: Choose one of the Following				
CRM	3318	3		Cont. Treatment of Law Violators	CRM	3318	3	Cont. Treatment of Law Violators	
CRM	3320	3		Probation and Parole	CRM	3320	3	Probation and Parole	
SOC	3380	3		Political Sociology					
					CRM	3330	3	Restorative Justice	
					CRM		3	Conflict Resolution	
Crime, Society and Policy: Choose one of the Following					Crime, Society and Policy: Choose Two of the Following				
SW	4420	3		Human Rights	SW	4420	3	Human Rights	
CRM	3319	3		Policing	CRM	3319	3	Policing	
SOC	3350	3		Immigration and Migration	SOC	3350	3	Immigration and Migration	
SOC	4425	3		Demography and Public Policy					
					CRM		3	Law and Inequality	
					CRM		3	Criminal Law	
					SOC	3309	3	Social Stratification and Inequality	
					CRM		3	Homeland Security	
					SOC	3345	3	D4 Crime, Criminalization and Society	
Crime Electives: Choose one of the Following					Crime Electives: Choose one of the Following				
SW	3322	3		Family Violence	SW	3322	3	Family Violence	
CRM	3360	3		Juvenile Delinquency					
					CRM	3380	3	Political Violence	
					CRM		3	Transnational Crime	
					CRM		3	D4 Gender, Sexuality and Crime	
					CRM	3390	3	D4 Media and Crime	
					CRM		3	Organized Crime and Gangs	
Upper Division Electives in Sociology, Criminology or Social Work					Upper Division Electives in Sociology, Criminology or Social Work				
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SOC	4401	3	Professionalization	CRM	4401				
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Steps	Time Spent	Decision	Date
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University Curriculum Committee			
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