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## New Combined Degree Program Request

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Proposed Program: SCCJ\_BA/MS Combined Degree CIP: 43.0103 Effective Date (Term/Year): Fall / 2018 (e.g. Fall/2020)

Proposed Combined Program Information	Undergraduate	Graduate
Degree Level (e.g. B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., etc.)	B.A.	M.S.
Program Name (e.g. Physics, Engineering, etc.)	Criminal Justice	Criminology and Criminal Justice
College	College for Design and Social Inquiry	College for Design and Social Inquiry
Department	Criminology & Criminal Justice	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Program Description (provide a brief description of the program, including thesis or non-thesis option)	This program offers FAU Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice students the opportunity to complete the M.S. degree program in less time than would be required normally after graduating with the B.A. degree. B.A. students can complete up to 12 credits (with approval of the graduate coordinator) of M.S. courses during their senior year. These courses count as electives toward the B.A. The remaining 21 credits required for the M.S. can be completed in as few as 15 months following graduation with the B.A.	

Curriculum Requirements	
<p><b>GPA Requirements:</b> Departments must establish a minimum undergraduate GPA for students to be admitted to a combined program. <i>Note: Please attach explanation.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;">3.5</p>	<p><b>List courses to be shared:</b> Up to twelve (12) credit hours of graduate courses (5000 level or above course work) may be shared between the graduate and undergraduate degree for a combined program. <i>Note: Please attach explanation:</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 1.2em;"><b>• Please see attached document</b></p>

Faculty Submitting Request	Name	Signature	Email	Date
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Approved by	Date
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College Dean:	<u>3/27/18</u>
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UUPC Chair: <u>J. E. Hakey (EP)</u>	<u>4/2/18</u>
Undergraduate Studies Dean: <u>Erin E. Bratt</u> <small>(Note: Forward approved form to UGPC@fau.edu)</small>	<u>4/11/18</u>
UGPC Chair: _____	_____
Graduate College Dean: _____	_____
UFS President: _____	_____
Provost: _____	_____

**Justification for starting a combined degree program:** SCCJ is interested in recruiting and retaining our top undergraduate students. One advantage of our School is that we offer both research and teaching assistantships at the graduate level making us a competitive option for an advanced degree. A combined B.A./M.S. program would add to our competitiveness by offering an accelerated degree program. This program would also help improve undergrad alumni education and employment statistics meeting the State and University goals of institutional effectiveness. This would be consistent with the State's push for a 4-year education instead of the 6-year evaluation period we currently have.

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**Admission Requirements and Academic Standing**

1. Applications to the advanced standing program may be submitted by students by the end of their junior year of study and no later than July 1. Applicants must have no academic deficiencies at the time of application.
2. Applicants must have a minimum undergraduate FAU GPA of 3.5 in order to be admitted to the program.
3. Students must provide a letter of intent, a letter of recommendation from a professor, as well as a strong academic writing sample.
4. It is strongly recommended that Criminology and Methods of Research be completed *prior* to starting the B.A./M.S. advanced degree program. At a minimum, Methods of Research (CCJ 4700) should be IN PROGRESS by the time the student applies for the program. Criminology (CCJ 3014) and Ethics and the Justice System (CCJ 4054) must be completed BEFORE the spring of a student's senior year.
5. Continued involvement in the B.A./M.S. program is contingent upon good academic standing in both programs. This includes maintenance of an overall 3.0 cumulative GPA in the Master's program. Student progress will be evaluated every semester. Students who do not maintain good academic standing in both programs and/or who drop below the required 3.0 overall GPA in the Master's program may be placed on academic probation during the semester immediately following the one in which their cumulative GPA dropped below 3.0. Failure to regain a 3.0 cumulative GPA within two successive semesters thereafter results in dismissal from the program. Students may also be dismissed at any time that they are not making satisfactory progress toward completion of the degree, or for serious violations of academic integrity.

**Degree Requirements**

The following course schedule gives an example of how B.A. students who enroll in the advanced standing M.S. program could complete the requirements for that program:

<b>Required M.S.C.C.J. courses</b>		
<b>B.A. Senior Year – Fall (3 credits)</b>		
Criminal Justice Research & Policy Foundations	CCJ 6902*	3
<b>B.A. Senior Year – Spring (6 credits)</b>		
Understanding Criminal Behavior	CCJ 6056*	3
Graduate Elective		3
<b>Receive B.A. degree</b>		
<b>Master Year – First summer (6 credits)</b>		
Graduate Elective		3
Graduate Elective		3

<b><i>Master Year – Fall (9 credits)</i></b>		
Research Methods	CCJ 6704*	3
Graduate Elective		3
Graduate Elective		3
<b><i>Master Year – Spring (9 credits)</i></b>		
Applying Criminal Justice Theory, Research, & Policy	CCJ 6485**	3
Graduate Elective		3
Graduate Elective		3
<b>Receive M.S.C.C.J. degree</b>		

\*indicates M.S.C.C.J. required courses

\*\*indicates M.S.C.C.J. required course for non-thesis program of study

Note: with special permission from the graduate coordinator, a student can start in the summer prior to their senior year by taking a graduate elective.