

## MEMORANDUM

To: Dr. Rosalyn Carter, Dean  
College of Design and Social Inquiry

From: Khi V. Thai, Interim Director *Khi V. Thai*  
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

Date: November 28, 2011

RE: Request for Revised Curriculum Approval

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is very excited to submit a revised curriculum for our Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice. The revised curriculum proposal is a result of much collaboration, feedback, planning, and months of discussion among our faculty; and our CCJ faculty approved it unanimously at our October 14, 2011 meeting.

The revised curriculum will:

- Improve the structure and academic rigor of our bachelor's degree to better prepare our students for the complexities of today's workforce, and also to equip them for graduate studies should they choose to pursue an advanced degree.
- Reduce redundancy across our course offerings by eliminating courses whose subject matter is covered in other classes, or that have been determined to be extraneous to the goals of our School's vision.
- Remove variability in the quality of learning that a student experiences over the course of their tenure at FAU. Our goal is to ensure that students receive education in the most important discipline-specific concepts rather than simply a cursory overview of a hodgepodge of criminal justice topics.
- Constrain the paths our students can take in terms of course offerings. This is not intended to lessen student choices of career possibilities, but rather to help them make informed decisions based on their career interests. Previously, our

students took three core courses and then filled their remaining upper-level major requirements with 21 elective credits. In our revised program – which will be available to students in the Fall of 2012 - students will take four core courses (12 credit hours), and then two of five restricted electives (6 credit hours), followed by four of sixteen free electives (for the final 12 credit hours).

The revised curriculum does not require additional faculty resources, or new course proposals. Please find attached our revised curriculum proposals for your decision.

## Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

Proposed New Curriculum	Current Curriculum
<b>Prerequisite</b>	
CCJ 2002: Required for freshmen OR what the School deems equivalent to the previously-existing CCJ 3024 (The Criminal Justice System) at the community college level.	N/A
<b>Core Courses: 12 Credit Hours</b>	<b>Core Courses: 9 Credit Hours</b>
CCJ 3014 - Criminology	CCJ 3014 - Criminology
CCJ 4054 - Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 3024 - The Criminal Justice System
CCJ 4700 - Methods of Research in Criminal Justice	CCJ 4700 - Methods of Research in Criminal Justice
CJE 3692 – Criminal Justice Technology	<b>Free Electives: 21 credit hours</b> <b>Students should take seven of the following twenty-four elective courses:</b>
<b>Restricted Electives: 6 Credit Hours.</b> Students are required to take two of the following five restricted elective courses:	CCJ 3660 - Crime in the Schools
CJE 4352 - Policing in America	CCJ 3666 - Victimology
CJC 4310 - Corrections	CCJ 4010 - Juvenile Justice
CJL 4510 - Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts	CCJ 4054 - Ethics and the Justice System
CCJ 4010 - Juvenile Justice	CCJ 4141 - Restorative Justice
CCJ 4450 - Criminal Justice Management	CCJ 4450 - Criminal Justice Management
<b>Free Electives: 12 credit hours</b> <b>Students should take four of the following seventeen elective courses:</b>	CCJ 4623 - Studying Violence
CCJ 3660 - Crime in the Schools	CCJ 4642 - Organized Crime and the Business of Drugs
CCJ 3666 - Victimology	CCJ 4644 - White Collar Crime
CCJ 4141 - Restorative Justice	CCJ 4668 - Cybercrime
CCJ 4623 - Studying Violence	CCJ 4670 - Women and Criminal Justice
CCJ 4642 - Organized Crime and the Business of Drugs	CCJ 4931 - Issues in Criminal Law
CCJ 4644 - White Collar Crime	CCJ 4934 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice
CCJ 4668 - Cybercrime	CJC 4310 - Corrections
CCJ 4670 - Women and Criminal Justice	CJE 3692 – Criminal Justice Technology
CCJ 4931 - Issues in Criminal Law	CJE 4174 - International Criminal Justice Systems
CCJ 4934 - Special Topics in Criminal Justice	CJE 4352 - Policing in America
CJE 4174 - International Criminal Justice Systems	CJE 4412 - Solving Crime and Disorder Problems/Crime and Everyday Life
CJE 4412 - Solving Crime and Disorder Problems/Crime and Everyday Life	CJE 4444 - Crime Prevention
CJE 4444 - Crime Prevention	CJE 4610 - Criminal Investigation
CJE 4610 - Criminal Investigation	CJE 4663 - Crime Analysis
CJE 4663 - Crime Analysis	CJL 4064 - Criminal Law and the Constitution
CJL 4064 - Criminal Law and the Constitution	CJL 4510 - Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts
DSC 4012 - Terrorism and Homeland Security	DSC 4012 - Terrorism and Homeland Security
<b>Students can also do an Internship and take a Directed Independent Study (under certain stipulations and restrictions):</b>	<b>Students can also do an Internship and take a Directed Independent Study (under certain stipulations and restrictions):</b>
CCJ 4940 - Criminal Justice Field Experience	CCJ 4940 - Criminal Justice Field Experience
CCJ 4905 - Directed Independent Study	CCJ 4905 - Directed Independent Study