

MEMORANDUM

To: University Undergraduate Program Committee (UUPC)

From: Dr. John Smykla, Director
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RE: Changes to the Undergraduate Program in the SCCJ

Date: August 29th, 2016

The School of Criminology & Criminal Justice (SCCJ) faculty voted on Monday, August 15th to make the following changes to the BA in Criminal Justice. Most of the changes address having a finite number of faculty having to teach certain Restricted Elective courses; thereby making it difficult if not impossible to offer those courses every semester. This limits the variety of courses that we can offer our students and requires certain faculty teach the same class over and over again (since no other faculty teaches that Restricted Elective).

Immediate Changes:

1. Remove the *Restricted Electives* category of classes from the BA in Criminal Justice major and move the six courses (and the nine required credit hours) that it contained to the *Free Electives* category. Currently CCJ undergraduate students select three courses (9 credits) from a list of six classes in the *Restricted Electives* category. These nine credit requirements would also be moved to the *Free Electives* category (see below), thereby keeping the required 30 credits of CCJ courses the same for the BA in Criminal Justice major.
2. Require students to take seven *Free Electives* (21 credits) rather than just four (12 credits) because of the three courses (9 credits) that are being moved from the eliminated *Restricted CCJ Electives* category to the Free Electives category.
3. Allow Junior, Senior, and/or transfer students to take the introductory “Law, Crime and the Criminal Justice System” (CCJ2002) course and have it count toward “Electives” in the BA in Criminal Justice major. Junior and Senior level students will still be required to take the required 30 credits of CCJ courses for the BA in Criminal Justice Major (i.e. CCJ2002 will not count toward those 30 credits for students with a Junior or Senior status).

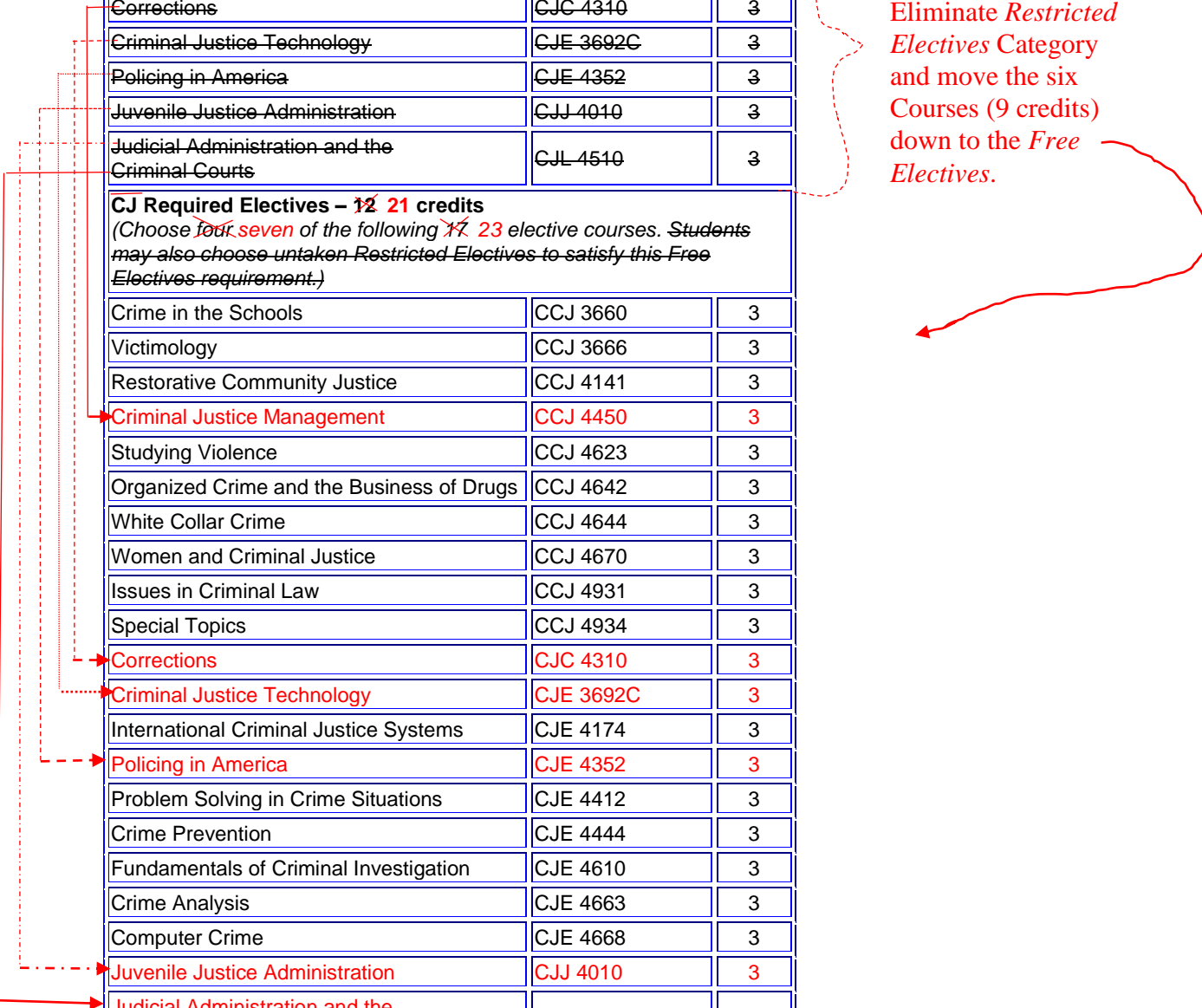
Rational for Changes

1. A number of faculty in the School of Criminology & Criminal Justice (SCCJ) have moved elsewhere, have retired, or are going to retire who are the only individuals that teach a few of the *Restricted Electives*, which will make it next to impossible to offer those classes now and in the future. In addition, there are only one or two faculty that teach some of the other Restricted Electives, which mandates that they teach them almost every semester (meaning that they are forced to teach only those courses every semester). Removing the Restricted Electives category will not only free-up the faculty to teach other classes, it will also free us up to offer other courses for our students to take. In addition, these changes may allow our students to graduate earlier, since they will not have to wait around to take their Restricted Electives, which are often capped out due to the more and more minimized offerings that the SCCJ can provide with these Restricted Electives requirements.
 2. Many students that are Juniors, Seniors, and/or transfer students want to take the introduction to “Law, Crime, and the Criminal Justice System” (CCJ2002) class to get an overview of the criminal justice system and to see if they might be interested in becoming CCJ majors. Presently, they are not allowed to take the class since it is restricted to students with a Freshman or Sophomore status. The credits earned from taking CCJ2002 as a Junior or Senior would be counted toward Electives and, therefore, would not count toward the 30 required CCJ credits for the BA in the major. Allowing Juniors and Seniors to take CCJ2002 would not alter the number of upper credit (3000/4000 level) hours needed for the major.
- No extra resources would be required for making these changes.
 - Below, I have included what the FAU Catalog will look like once the changes have been approved.
 - I have also included how these changes will affect the minor in CJ.

CATALOG: After the changes to the SCCJ Undergraduate Program have been made, it will look something like the following in the catalog (changes in red).

Criminal Justice Core Courses - 9 credits		
Criminology	CCJ 3014*	3
Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 4054	3
Methods of Research in Criminal Justice	CCJ 4700**	3
* Requires CCJ 4700 as a prerequisite.		
** Requires STA 2023 or STA 3163 as a prerequisite.		
Restricted Electives - 9 credits		
(Choose three of the following six restricted electives.)		
Criminal Justice Management	CCJ 4450	3
Corrections	CJC 4310	3
Criminal Justice Technology	CJE 3692C	3
Policing in America	CJE 4352	3
Juvenile Justice Administration	CJJ 4010	3
Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts	CJL 4510	3
CJ Required Electives - 12 21 credits		
(Choose four seven of the following 17 23 elective courses. Students may also choose untaken Restricted Electives to satisfy this Free Electives requirement.)		
Crime in the Schools	CCJ 3660	3
Victimology	CCJ 3666	3
Restorative Community Justice	CCJ 4141	3
Criminal Justice Management	CCJ 4450	3
Studying Violence	CCJ 4623	3
Organized Crime and the Business of Drugs	CCJ 4642	3
White Collar Crime	CCJ 4644	3
Women and Criminal Justice	CCJ 4670	3
Issues in Criminal Law	CCJ 4931	3
Special Topics	CCJ 4934	3
Corrections	CJC 4310	3
Criminal Justice Technology	CJE 3692C	3
International Criminal Justice Systems	CJE 4174	3
Policing in America	CJE 4352	3
Problem Solving in Crime Situations	CJE 4412	3
Crime Prevention	CJE 4444	3
Fundamentals of Criminal Investigation	CJE 4610	3
Crime Analysis	CJE 4663	3
Computer Crime	CJE 4668	3
Juvenile Justice Administration	CJJ 4010	3
Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts	CJL 4510	3
Criminal Law and the Constitution	CJL 4064	3
Terrorism	DSC 4012	3

Eliminate Restricted Electives Category and move the six Courses (9 credits) down to the Free Electives.



Additional		Choices
<i>(Students may also complete an internship or directed independent study; certain restrictions would apply.)</i>		
Directed Independent Study	CCJ 4905	1-3
Criminal Justice Field Experience 1	CCJ 4940++	3

++ Grading: S/U

Criminal Justice Minor (Changes below effective spring 2017.)

A minor in Criminal Justice consists of a minimum of 15 credits in upper-division criminal justice courses. Of the 15 credits, at least 12 must be earned from FAU. A grade of "C" or higher is required for all courses being used toward the minor.

Students with 60 credits or more must take five upper-division criminal justice courses (3000/4000 level), (15 credits) in the following manner:

Required Core Course - 3 credits		
Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 4054	3
Restricted Electives – 6 credits		
Criminal Justice Management	CCJ4450	3
Corrections	CJC4310	3
Criminal Justice Technology	CJE3692C	3
Policing in America	CJE4352	3
Juvenile Justice Administration	CJJ4010	3
Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts	CJL4510	
CJ Required Electives – 6 12 credits Students have the option to choose two additional courses from the courses listed above in the Free Electives for the major or may choose untaken Restricted Electives. Students choose four courses from the CJ Required Electives category.		

- The Minor in CJ remains a 15 credit minor.

Students with fewer than 60 credits must take four upper-division criminal justice courses (3000/4000 level), (12 credits) and one lower-division criminal justice course (CCJ 2002, 3 credits) in the following manner:

Required Core Courses - 6 credits		
Law, Crime and the Criminal Justice System	CCJ 2002	3
Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 4054	3
Restricted Electives - 6 credits		
Criminal Justice Management	CCJ4450	3
Corrections	CCJC4310	3
Criminal Justice Technology	CJE3692C	3
Policing in America	CJE4352	3
Juvenile Justice Administration	CJJ4010	3
Judicial Administration and the Criminal Courts	CJL4510	3
CJ Required Electives - 6 9 credits Students have the option to choose two additional courses from the courses listed above in the Free Electives for the major or may choose untaken Restricted Electives. Students choose three courses from the CJ Required Electives category.		

- The Minor CJ remains a 15 credit minor.

I have also included one attachment.

- The attachment is the SCCJ Flight Plan with the modified changes that illustrates when students should be taking their undergraduate courses. The changes to the BA in CJ Program do not affect the chronology of our SCCJ Flight Plan. If anything, students' time to graduation will be shortened because they will not have to wait around for Restricted Electives to be offered so that they can fulfill that requirement. The changes start in **Year 3**, but have no impact on time to graduation other than to potentially shorten it.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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