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Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to revise the minimum grade requirements of the Minor in Criminal Justice will be an agenda item for the April 19, 2024, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost S. Jack Hu

Dr. Marisa Pagnattaro

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH OR CHANGE THE MINIMUM GRADE REQUIREMENT OF AN UNDERGRADUATE MAJOR

Date: March 15, 2024

School/College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Department/Division: Criminal Justice Studies Program

Program (Major and Degree): Minor in Criminal Justice

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2024

1. Justification

What is the academic justification for instituting the requirement?

The Criminal Justice Studies Program faculty believes that only with a grade of “C” (2.0) or higher in all courses counting toward the minor can students demonstrate that they have acquired basic knowledge in the areas of criminal justice administration, criminology, related law and legal processes, and criminal justice systems.

2. Requirements

What specific entrance requirements are proposed?

All courses used to satisfy the minor requirements must be completed with a grade of “C” (2.0) or higher.

3. Results

How will the proposed requirement solve the academic problems outlined in the justification?

The proposed requirement, similar to the requirement for the major in Criminal Justice (A.B.), will ensure that the minor in Criminal Justice is awarded to students who demonstrate minimum competence in criminal justice related content. This will bring the minor in Criminal Justice in line with the major, which already has this requirement.

4. Consequences of the Requirement

a. How will this requirement affect the major involved?

Since the minor was approved in 2017, growth has been strong, with over 250 students in the minor currently, along with continued growth of the major, making it difficult to ensure there are enough seats in required courses. This grade requirement will help control this growth so that the minor is more sustainable.

b. What effects are anticipated on other majors within the University?

None.

c. Are there any other anticipated effects on enrollment patterns within the University?

No.

Minor - Criminal Justice Studies

- The minor will consist of 15 hours of upper-division coursework.
- At least 12 of the 15 hours are to be taken in residence.
- To preserve the interdisciplinary nature of the program of study, no more than nine hours of coursework may be drawn from the same discipline (as indicated by departmental prefix).
- All courses used to satisfy the minor requirements must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher

Section I - Required Courses (6 hours):

POLS 3600	3
SOC 3810	3

Sections II and III - Electives (9 hours):

Select 9 hours from list IIA, IIB, IIC, or III. When selecting courses, two of the three subfields (IIA, IIB, IIC) must be represented.

Section IIA—Deviance and Criminal Behavior

[AFAM\(PSYC\) 4500/6500](#)

[PSYC 3230](#)

[PSYC 3260](#)

[SOC 3070](#)

[SOC 3080](#)

[SOC 3340](#)

[SOC 3820](#)

[SOC 3830](#)

[SOC 3840](#)

[SOC 3860](#)

[SOC 4590](#)

[SOC\(INTL\) 4700](#)

Section IIB - Social Control Institutions

[HIST 3775](#)

[POLS 4105](#)

[POLS 4690](#)

[POLS 4740](#)

[POLS 4760](#)

[POLS 4770](#)

[POLS 4781](#)

[POLS 4900](#)

[PSYC 5850](#)

[RELI 4107/6107](#)

[SOC 3140](#)

[SOC 3150](#)

[SOC 4470](#)

[SOC 4750](#)

Section IIC - Law and Ethics

[CSCI 3030](#)

[ECON 4450/6450](#)

[HIST 4060/6060](#)

[HIST 4080/6080](#)

[PADP 4690](#)

[PHIL 4240/6240](#)

[POLS 4080](#)

[POLS 4090](#)

[POLS 4410](#)

[POLS 4700](#)

[POLS 4710](#)

[POLS 4720](#)

[POLS 4730](#)

[POLS 4750](#)

[SOCI 4800](#)

[SOCI 4830](#)

Section III - Additional Courses

[AFAM\(PSYC\)\(ECHD\) 3150](#)

[ANTH 4265/6265](#)

[COMM 3520](#)

[COMM 4330](#)

[COMM 4510/6510](#)

[GEOG 3630](#)

[GEOG 3640](#)

[GEOG 4630/6630](#)

[GEOG 4631/6631](#)

[INTL 4410](#)

[PADP 3000](#)

[PADP 4630](#)

[PHIL 4210/6210](#)

[POLS 4070](#)

[POLS 4560](#)

[POLS 4640](#)

[POLS 4641](#)

[POLS 4650](#)

[POLS 4780](#)

[PSYC 3100](#)

[PSYC 3300](#)

[PSYC 4200](#)

[PSYC 4230](#)

[PSYC\(WMST\) 4600/6600](#)

[SOCI 3270](#)

[SOCI 3280](#)

[SOCI\(AFAM\) 3300](#)
[SOCI\(AFAM\) 3310](#)
[SOCI 3320](#)
[SOCI 3730](#)
[SOCI 3940](#)
[SOCI 3950](#)
[SOCI 4020S](#)
[SOCI\(AFAM\) 4370](#)

Note:

[POLS\(SOCI\) 3700](#) and [POLS\(SOCI\) 4905](#) will not count towards the minor.

E, H, S, and W versions of these courses may be credited to the minor.

TOTAL HOURS: 15

For more information about minor course work, contact:
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Documentation of Approval and Notification

Proposal: Proposal to revise the Minimum Grade Requirement for the Minor in Criminal Justice

College: Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Departments: Criminal Justice Studies Program

Proposed Effective Term: Fall 2024

School/College:

- Criminal Justice Studies Program Director, Dr. Sarah Shannon, 3/15/24
- Franklin College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean, Dr. Jean Martin-Williams, 3/21/24