

Notice of Change to Create a Major in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CCJ)

Date: April 13th, 2016

A. PROGRAM INFORMATION

1. Name of institution

University of Rhode Island

2. Name of department, division, school or college

Department: Interdisciplinary Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Staffed by members of Sociology & Anthropology, Political Science, Psychology, Gender & Women's Studies, and Economics (as well as new CCJ faculty).

College: Arts & Sciences

3. Intended initiation date of program change. Include anticipated date for granting first degrees or certificates, if appropriate.

Initiation date: Fall 2017/18

First degree date: As soon as May 2018/19

4. Intended location of the program

Kingston, RI

5. Summary description of proposed program (not to exceed 2 pages).

As part of the proposal for the new program in Criminology and Criminal Justice, we ask that a named major be created so that this may be listed on a student's diploma, upon their completion of the program requirements.

If applicable, please include the existing URI catalog language and proposed catalog language changes that relate to your request.

New catalog language:

Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Students completing this interdisciplinary program must complete 10 courses (30-34 credits) from four main areas: core courses, research methods, criminology electives, and criminal

justice electives (maximum of 45-49 credits). Students are required to take three core courses in criminology and criminal justice, including CCJ/SOC 230, CCJ/SOC/PSC 274 (or 274H), and CCJ/SOC/PSC 476 (9 credits); one research methods course selected from ECN 306, PSC 310, PSY 200, and SOC 301 (3-4 credits); at least one criminology elective course (but no more than four) selected from GWS 365, GWS 370, GWS 401, PSY 254, PSY 466, SOC 300 (when topic is relevant), SOC 370, SOC 403, SOC 410, SOC 420, and SOC 450 (3-12 credits); and at least one criminal justice elective (but no more than four) selected from CHM 391, CHM 392, PSC 371, PSC 388, PSC 472, PSY 465, SOC 300 (when topic is relevant), SOC 330, SOC 331, SOC 332, SOC 403, and SOC 410 (3-15 credits).

If students are double majors with Economics, Political Science, Psychology, or Sociology, the research methods course will be accepted for the CCJ major as well, but the credits will need to be made up in another category. When appropriate, and by permission of the Program Director, students may substitute Internship credit (GWS 300, PSC 375/376, PSY 305, and SOC 497) or Independent Study credit (GWS 450, PSC 455/456, PSY 489, and SOC 498/499) for one of their elective courses listed above. No more than 3 credits may be used toward the major from Internship or Independent Study.

A total of 120 credits is required for graduation.

6. Signature of the President

David M. Dooley