1. **Degree/Major Title:**
   
   BS Criminal Justice

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3. **Briefly describe the proposed revision(s).**
   
   A. CCJ 3700 Research Methods & CCJ 3701 Data Analysis - We are incorporating additional consistency through assignments discussed over the past two years in faculty meetings. These include writing assignments that span two core courses (and we are requesting that these two courses be specified as writing intensive).
   
   B. CCJ 4934 Senior Seminar - We are also modifying a third core course in the program to identify a formal home for qualitative research.

   These changes will allow us to house program assessment in two of those courses and will facilitate our participation in the QEP. We are hopeful that implementing these changes and assessing the results will provide us valuable information on our students' learning in the BS Criminal Justice program.

4. **Effective date:** Fall 2016
   
   Changes are effective in the fall of the year. Exceptions are approved only in unusual circumstances with adequate justification.

5. **Briefly explain the rationale for the proposed revision.**
   
   Link the proposed revision to assessment and institutional effectiveness activities (feedback from students, market demands, program evaluation, resource allocation, etc.).

   Several cycles of program assessment and faculty feedback over the past two years emphasize the need for strong written communication and critical thinking skills. The current Quality Enhancement Plan QEP also emphasizes research and writing. As such, the criminal justice faculty have had a series of discussions regarding the identification of core courses where these skills are consistently housed. We have decided that we will formalize the writing that we all have students do in the research methods/data analysis series (CCJ 3700 is the prerequisite to CCJ 3701) as well as identify a formal location for qualitative research methodology by incorporating case study analysis in CCJ Senior Seminar.

   The name change for the senior seminar (CCJ 4934) from “Senior Seminar (Criminal Justice)” to “Senior Seminar” is to help reduce confusion for students in the Legal Studies and Forensic Studies Program. The course will be the Senior Capstone course for all 3 programs in Justice Studies. It already is the capstone course for Criminal Justice and Forensic studies Undergraduates.

   The most recent biannual assessment report for the BS in CJ (2012/2013) indicated that the following “improvement actions” were appropriate:
   
   1) The program will revise its Academic Learning Compact to define program specific Communication Skills outcomes.
   
   2) The program will develop assessment protocols based on a common instrument that can generate data across a variety of courses, which can produce distinct assessment data for the different outcome areas.
   
   3) Starting in AY 4015-16 The Senior Seminar, CCJ 4934, will be revised to focus more on an overview of content areas in the program, and less on career perspectives.

1) We have revised the ALC:

   **Content/Discipline Knowledge and Skills**
   
   Graduates will be able to demonstrate an understanding of the value of leadership among various criminal justice related agencies.

   **Communication Skills**

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Graduates will be able to communicate an understanding of a sound ethical framework necessary to criminal justice professionalism.

**Critical Thinking Skills**
Graduates will be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills necessary to adapt to the evolving nature of the research, theory, & practice of criminal justice.

2) We have created a five year assessment plan (attached) that embeds Written Communication in CCJ 3700 and Critical Thinking in CCJ 3701. This fall, we are drafting the assessment instruments needed to implement our plan; we plan to pilot test these instruments in Spring 2016.

3) We did this informally last year and now are ready to formalize this by the course change for CCJ 4934.

6. **Describe additional library resources needed to support this revision? Explain rationale for response, even if answer is None.**

   None; all of the courses we are changing are already offered, and one or more faculty members teaching each course are already incorporating assignments similar to the assessment tools that we have discussed; thus, current library resources are sufficient.

7. **Describe additional faculty resources needed to support this revision? Explain rationale for response, even if answer is None.**

   None; the two writing intensive courses already have small caps. CCJ 3700 is already capped at 35 and CCJ 3701 is already capped at 25. We have a plan for larger course sizes in other core CJ courses that will “balance” the smaller caps on sections of CCJ 3700 to allow us to cover these courses with our existing faculty.

8. **Describe additional technology, facility, laboratory, or other resources needed to support this revision? Explain rationale for response, even if answer is None.**

   None; CCJ 3701 is already scheduled in PC classrooms, so we will not increase the need for those resources.

9. **What impact will the proposed revision have on other colleges, units, or programs?**

   Please search current online catalog to determine if other colleges, units, or programs use courses that are part of this proposal and need to be notified of any changes.

   The BS in Forensic Studies program (also in the Department of Justice Studies) also requires the three courses being changed. The program leader for that program, Dr. Heather Walsh-Haney, has been consulted and is in agreement with the proposed changes.

10. **New courses:**

    ☒ No new courses are required.

    ☐ New courses are needed. List prefix/number/title below. Complete a Course Add Form for each from the Curriculum Management System - [https://midas.fgcu.edu/acadaff/scns/](https://midas.fgcu.edu/acadaff/scns/).

11. **Change to existing courses:**

    ☐ No existing courses are being changed.

    ☒ Existing courses are being changed. List prefix/number/title below. Complete a Course Change Form for each from the Curriculum Management System - [https://midas.fgcu.edu/acadaff/scns/](https://midas.fgcu.edu/acadaff/scns/).

    CCJ 3700 Meth Criminal Justice Research (3)
    CCJ 3701 Criminal Justice Data Analysis (3)
    CCJ 4934 Senior Sem (Criminal Justice) (3)

12. **Termination of existing courses:**

    ☒ No existing courses are being deleted from the FGCU course inventory.

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13. **What impact will the proposed revision have on the progression or sequencing of courses in this degree program?**

Please provide evidence in the form of a degree curriculum map, a listing of all General Education, required and restricted elective courses in the major and their prerequisites or use another form appropriate for your program.

None; the courses are already sequenced. CCJ 3700 is the prerequisite for CCJ 3701; CCJ 4054 Ethics in the Crim Just Sys is already the prerequisite for CCJ 4934 Senior Sem, and senior standing is required to register for Senior Seminar. Curriculum map attached.

14. **What impact will the proposed revision have on the progression or sequencing of courses in this degree program for current students?**

None (see above); students are already required to take these courses.

15. **Catalog copy:**

See Instructions above.

16. **Additional remarks:** None

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**APPROVALS (required prior to submission)**

Department/Program Chair/Director  

College Curriculum Committee Chair  

College Dean  

Date  

Does another department or unit provide related expertise or offer similar courses?  

Department/Unit:  

☐ Supports this proposal  

☐ Does not support this proposal  

☐ Defers Recommendation  

Authorizing signature:  

Date  

Comments:
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The Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Criminal Justice program provides an extensive overview of the criminal justice system including law enforcement, corrections, the judiciary, juvenile justice, probation and parole, and international justice. The program builds upon a solid liberal arts core to achieve a balanced criminal justice perspective including an emphasis upon the victim, the offender, the criminal justice system, and society. Students are provided a set of core courses and experiences to orient them to the broader criminal justice system. Thereafter, they have the opportunity to specialize in law enforcement, corrections, legal studies, juvenile justice, international justice, or management in criminal justice. This program is available through distance learning via the internet.

Program Admission Requirements

- Submit a FGCU Undergraduate Admission Application and satisfy all applicable university admission requirements.
- Satisfy common prerequisites with a grade of C or better.
- Satisfy general education program requirements.
- Sign an Advising Agreement document.

Program Requirements

To prevent or minimize excess hours, select general education courses that satisfy common prerequisite requirements for your intended major.

1. FGCU General Education Program (http://www.fgcu.edu/general_education/)

2. Common Prerequisites
   None.

3. Required Courses in the Major (36 credits)
   A minimum grade of C is required in each course.
   
   Any 1000-2999 course with prefix CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJL, PLA (3)  
   CCJ 3117 Theories of Criminal Behavior (3)  
   CCJ 3453 Organization and Administration of Criminal Justice (3)  
   CCJ 3700 Meth Criminal Justice Research (3)  
   CCJ 3701 Criminal Justice Data Analysis (3)  
   CCJ 4054 Ethics in the Crime Justice Sys (3)  
   CCJ 4450 Ldrship & Mgmt in CJ Agencies (3)  
   CCJ 4934 Senior Seminar-Criminal Justice (3)  
   CCJ 4940 Internship (3)
4. **Restricted Electives in the Major (9 credits)**
   A minimum grade of C is required in each course.

   Select 9 credits from the following:
   - 3000-4999 course(s)* with any of the following prefixes: CCJ, CJC, CJE, CJI, CJI, DSC (3)
   - PLA 3205 Courtroom Techniques (3)
   - PLA 4570 Globalization and the Rule of Law (3)
   - SYP 3520 Sociology of Crime (3)

   *Courses used to fulfill required courses in the major cannot also be used to fulfill restricted electives.

   CCJ 4940 Internship can be taken for a maximum of 6 credits total, 3 of which fulfill required courses in the major; up to three additional credits can be used as restricted electives.

5. **University Requirements (3 credits)**
   - IDS 3920 University Colloquium (3)

6. **Additional Electives** - as needed to reach total credits required for the degree

**TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS REQUIRED:** 120 HRS

**Additional Graduation Requirements**

- Students must satisfactorily complete a minimum of 120 credits.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required for all coursework attempted at FGCU.
- At least 48 of the 120 credits must be in the upper division (3000-4999).
- At least 30 of the last 60 credits must be earned at FGCU.
- Satisfy College-Level Skills and foreign language entrance requirements.
- Satisfy Service Learning requirement. See [http://www.fgcu.edu/connect/](http://www.fgcu.edu/connect/).
- Completion of the summer course enrollment requirement.
- Submit an online Application for Graduation via Gulfline by the deadline listed in the FGCU Academic Calendar.

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