

Program Change Request

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Approval Path

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Christopher Sullivan (cjs2ky): Approved for S003250 Chair
2. 06/12/24 4:13 pm
Keeta Holmes (holmeskm): Approved for Curricular Alignment Check
3. 06/13/24 12:31 pm
Betsy Sampson (sampsone): Approved for Academic Affairs Program Preapproval

4. 09/26/24 8:03 am
Matthew Taylor
(taylormatt):
Approved for SA_S
Assoc Dean
5. 10/09/24 8:43 am
Matthew Taylor
(taylormatt):
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Dean
6. 10/30/24 8:14 pm
Teresa Thiel (thiel):
Approved for
Graduate C&I
Committee

History

1. Apr 4, 2018 by
Elaine Doherty
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2. Jan 26, 2022 by
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3. Dec 1, 2023 by
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To be completed by Academic Affairs

Title	PhD in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Program Type	Degree Program
College/School	College of Arts & Sciences
Department	Criminology & Criminal Justice
Academic Level	Graduate
CIP Code	45.0401 - 45.0401
Effective CAT	2023-24

Program Requirements and Description as it will appear in the bulletin.

Eligibility

Undergraduate applicants must have a baccalaureate degree or expect one by the end of the academic year in which they apply. Applicants must have a grade point average of 3.0 or greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for the last 60 hours of undergraduate work. Admission is competitive.

Graduate applicants who have or will have a master's degree must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher greater (on a scale of A = 4.0) for their graduate course work.

Application

To consider an applicant for admission, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice must have transcripts, three letters of recommendation, GRE scores, statement of purpose, and a writing sample. Applicants with master's degrees should include a chapter of their thesis. International students whose native language is not English are required to submit scores from the TOEFL examination.

Amount of Course Work

Sixty post-baccalaureate hours of graduate work are required for the Ph.D. More than half of these hours must be completed in residence. A minimum of six credit hours of dissertation research ([CRIMIN 7499](#)) is are required. Students may enroll for dissertation credits ([CRIMIN 7499](#)) only when all other degree requirements have been completed.

Required Courses		24
CRIMIN 5415	Foundations of Criminological Theory	3
CRIMIN 6405	Methods	3
CRIMIN 6410	Statistical Applications in Criminology and Criminal Justice	3
CRIMIN 6420	Contemporary Criminological Theories	3
CRIMIN 6450	Theories of Criminal Legal System Institutions	3
CRIMIN 6465	Qualitative Research Design	3
CRIMIN 6470	Advanced Quantitative Methods ¹	3
CRIMIN 6480	Multivariate Statistics in Criminology	3
Seminar Courses		12
At least twelve hours beyond those required must be taken at the 5000-level or higher within the CCJ Department.		
Electives		12
<u>Elective Courses</u>		<u>9</u>

Nine additional hours beyond the above requirements are taken as elective courses.

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Other 6000 or 7000 Advanced Methods courses may be taken instead of Crimin 6470 with approval of the Graduate Program Director

Qualifying Papers

Graduate students in the doctoral program are not officially classified as PhD candidates until they have passed the Qualifying Papers prerequisite defined below. Passing the Qualifying Papers prerequisite fulfills the comprehensive exam requirement of the Graduate School. The goal of the qualifying papers ~~this requirement~~ is to establish a student's familiarity with the substantive literature, demonstrate theoretical theory, and methodological expertise, communicate their work effectively, ~~methods of criminology~~ and ~~criminal justice~~, and to demonstrate an ability to imaginatively, logically, ~~imaginatively~~ and creatively use this knowledge to address research questions within the broad realm of criminology, criminal justice, punishment, and the legal system. ~~criminological questions. Passing the Qualifying Papers prerequisite fulfills the comprehensive exam requirement of the Graduate School:~~
Further information about qualifying papers is available from the department.

The Dissertation

The dissertation is required of all PhD candidates and demonstrates the student's scholarly expertise. The dissertation process formally begins when all other requirements of the PhD program have been met. The dissertation is original research on a topic that is substantively significant and should also be something about which the student has a passion. The dissertation is original research on a topic that is substantively significant. It is a highly individualized project developed under the guidance of a dissertation committee. They can take different forms but may include a book manuscript, linked papers with an overarching research question, or another format approved by the Dissertation Committee Chair. Students need to work closely with their dissertation chair and committee, and the committee needs to approve the project.

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If other departments are affected by this proposal, please secure "sign-offs" and indicate for each department the following:

Program Learning

Outcomes

Learning Outcomes

Demonstrate a mastery of theory, methods, and substantive literature of criminology and criminal justice, and the interconnections between social theory and research

Analyze the role that social structure (e.g. race, class, gender, etc.) plays in crime and criminal justice

Learning Outcomes

Critically synthesize and analyze the nature, scope, and determinants of major criminological problems and identify gaps for further inquiry

Independently apply scientific research methods and empirical analyses to produce high-quality original, theoretically relevant, and socially important criminological research

Conduct independent high-quality research in accordance with the highest ethical standards and scientific integrity

Translate and communicate scientific findings effectively, in both oral and written forms

Demonstrate knowledge of the profession needed for a successful research and/or teaching career in criminology and criminal justice

Attachments

This program will be developed with the intention of delivery in the following delivery modes (choose all that apply)

Face to face

Justification for request:

We are making two changes. 1) We are reducing the number of elective hours from 12 to 9. This elimination of 3 hours of electives will bring the elective requirement back down to its original number (prior to 2023). We had initially added 3 additional hours of electives to accommodate the removal of Proseminar as a core course in 2023. The removal of 3 hours of electives will also enable students to start their qualifying paper process a semester earlier. This does not change the total number of hours required for the degree. 2) We are allowing flexibility with CRIMIN 6470 to be replaced with another advanced methods class at the 6000 or 7000 level, to be approved by the Graduate Program Director.

Program Reviewer

Comments

Betsy Sampson (sampsone) (06/13/24 12:30 pm): For HLC substantive change purposes this change is 10% of the program.

Betsy Sampson (sampsone) (06/13/24 12:31 pm): Total changes for HLC reporting purposes in the reporting period are 15%

Teresa Thiel (thiel) (10/30/24 9:32 am): Changes were made to the dissertation description at the request of the program director by e-mail.