

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date _____ Curriculum Bulletin _____
Effective Date **select one** Approved by EPC _____

Department _____
College **RE - Regional College**
Degree **AAS - Associate of Applied Science**
Program Name **Criminology and Justice Studies** Program Banner Code _____
Concentration(s) _____ Concentration(s) Banner Code(s) _____
Proposal **Establish program**

Description of proposal:
Establish an AAS degree, major Criminology and Justice Studies

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No
Current total credit hours: **60** Proposed total credit hours **60**

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):
No impact; faculty and staffing are in place, Associate degree graduates will be able to seamlessly transition into the existing BA in Criminology and Justice Studies or utilize Police Academy courses in completion of the AAS degree.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):
Respective Campus Faculty Councils, Regional College Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department, EPC

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

	<u>11 / 01 / 17</u>
Department Chair / School Director	
	<u>11 / 01 / 17</u>
Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals)	
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College Dean (or designee)	
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Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)	
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Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs or Provost (or designee)	



**Department of
Higher Education**

John R. Kasich, Governor
John Carey, Chancellor

INITIAL INQUIRY REQUEST TO OFFER A NEW PROGRAM

Date of submission: *Date to come (sent after EPC)*

Name of institution: Kent State University

Primary institutional contact for this request:

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Name of program: Associate of Applied Science degree, Criminology and Justice Studies major

Classification of Instructional Program (CIP): **43.0104 Criminal Justice/Safety Studies.** A program that focuses on the criminal justice system, its organizational components and processes, and its legal and public policy contexts. Includes instruction in criminal law and policy, police and correctional systems organization, the administration of justice and the judiciary, and public attitudes regarding criminal justice issues.

Proposed start date: Fall 2019, pending approval from the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission

For institutions that are already approved/authorized by the chancellor

- New degree designation
 New program within an existing degree (e.g., major, minor, concentration)

Delivery options (check all that apply):

- Campus-based
 Online/hybrid delivery
 Flexible or accelerated delivery
 Offering the program at a new offsite location
 Offering the program at an existing offsite location
 Program contains off-campus experiences (e.g., internship, clinical, practicum, student teaching)

The institution will be seeking specialized accreditation for the program:

- No Yes

Provide a brief description of the request.

Kent State University proposes the establishment of an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Criminology and Justice Studies. The program will be administered by the university's Regional College and offered fully online as well as online/on-ground at six regional campuses (Ashtabula, East Liverpool, Geauga, Salem, Trumbull, Tuscarawas) and at Kent State's Regional Academic Center in Twinsburg. The Trumbull Campus will be the admitting campus for first-time Kent State students declaring the fully online program.

Explain the academic unit's rationale for making the request.

The proposed degree program is a formalization of a Justice Studies track in the university's Associate of Arts (AA) degree that has been offered since 1985 on the regional campuses. The program is popular with students: more than 600 students have graduated with the AA degree in Justice Studies since 2000. In fall 2017, 73 students were declared in the program across the regional campuses (15th day census).

This degree will also complement the technical training offered at the Kent State University Police Academy and respond to the state's goal to strengthen the training of public safety officers in Ohio.

Establishing an AAS degree major for the discipline will allow Kent State to better market and promote the program, especially to students who desire a fully online program. Typically, institutions that offer an associate degree in this field offer it under the Associate of Applied Science degree, which allows for a technical curriculum tailored to the program's desired outcomes. That degree is a much better fit for this field than the Associate of Arts, which has a more generalized liberal arts curriculum.

The name Criminology and Justice Studies (rather than the current Justice Studies) is more reflective of the field of study that interest students, and the typical career goals that students pursue after graduation. Further, the name will make the link much clearer to students between the AAS degree and the BA degree in Criminology and Justice Studies that the university offers on seven campuses. As the proposed AAS degree program will be designed to articulate into the bachelor's degree, it will provide students with a fully transparent and integrated pathway from associate to bachelor's degree in the field of criminology and justice studies.

Indicate whether additional faculty and staff will be needed to support the proposed request.

There is no anticipated need for additional faculty or staff to support this degree program. All of Kent State's regional campuses, as well as the Regional Academic Center, offer the criminology and justice studies coursework for the degree. Approximately 10 full-time faculty members teach the major courses (on-ground and online) at those locations.