

KENT STATE UNIVERSITY CERTIFICATION OF CURRICULUM PROPOSAL

Preparation Date **5-Nov-19** Curriculum Bulletin _____
 Effective Date **Fall 2020** Approved by EPC _____

Department **Sociology**
 College **AS - Arts and Sciences**
 Degree **BA - Bachelor of Arts MA - Master of Arts**
 Program Name **BA- Criminology and Justice Studies CRJU**
 Program Banner Code **CCJ**
 Concentration(s) **MA- Criminology and Criminal Justice** Concentration(s) Banner Code(s)
 Proposal **Establish program**

Description of proposal:

Establish a combined BA-MA program for the undergraduate Criminology and Justice Studies BA and the graduate Criminology and Criminal Justice online MA, permitting the double-counting of 9 hours of existing coursework to be used to satisfy both degree programs.

Does proposed revision change program's total credit hours? Yes No
 Current total credit hours: **144** Proposed total credit hours **144**

Describe impact on other programs, policies or procedures (e.g., duplication issues; enrollment and staffing considerations; need; audience; prerequisites; teacher education licensure):
No impact on other programs, policies, or procedures.

Units consulted (other departments, programs or campuses affected by this proposal):
None

REQUIRED ENDORSEMENTS

Richard Edwards _____ 11/6/19
 Department Chair / School Director

 Campus Dean (for Regional Campuses proposals) _____ 1/1/

Mary Ann Haley _____ 11/15/19
 College Dean (or designee)

Cynthia Phillips _____ 1/13/20
 Dean of Graduate Studies (for graduate proposals)

 Provost (or designee) _____ 1/1/

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**Department of
Higher Education**

Miko DeWine, Governor
Randy Gardner, Chancellor

Combined Bachelor's/Master's Degree Program Request Form

Date of submission: November 5, 2019

Name of institution: Kent State University

Primary institutional contact for the request

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Name of bachelor's degree program: B.A. in Criminology and Justice Studies

Name of master's degree program: M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice (online)

Proposed implementation date: Fall 2020

- 1. Identify the total number of credit hours in the undergraduate and master's programs combined.**

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- 2. Describe how the university will ensure that students meet the expected baccalaureate program outcomes before the bachelor's degree is awarded.**

The university has a degree audit/GPS (graduation planning system) in place, as well as academic advising, that keeps students regularly informed on their progress towards their Bachelor's degree. Students accepted into the Combined program will be informed that completing their Bachelor's (BA) degree is their primary concern while in the combined program. Within the Department of Sociology, which houses the CRJU-BA and CCJ-MA programs, the dedicated academic advisor regularly meets with our majors. In addition, the undergraduate coordinator in CRJU and graduate coordinator in CCJ will consult with the advisor to help the students in the combined program plan their schedule.

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3. **Describe how students are informed of this combined degree program. Include in the answer how students are advised regarding opportunities and challenges associated with the option.**

The Criminology & Justice Studies (BA) coordinator and academic advisor regularly share information with students (majors) via email, Blackboard, student organizations, and individual advising meetings. Department faculty will also be made aware of the Combined program and be asked to inform the graduate and undergraduate coordinators of any promising students. We will also run institutional reports on the majors and their GPAs to identify and reach out to strong students who qualify. We will develop a web page on the Department website as well as a handout to explain the program, including information on expectations, benefits, and challenges.

4. **Describe the options available for students who wish to leave the program with a bachelor's degree before finishing the graduate-level work.**

There is no penalty for failing to complete the MA portion of the combined program, but such students will need to meet the degree (course) requirements for the B.A. in Criminology & Justice Studies.

5. **Describe how the institution ensures that students will pay undergraduate tuition throughout the completion of the undergraduate degree.**

Per [Kent State policy](#), students in a combined bachelor's/master's degree program are classified as undergraduates until the bachelor's degree is awarded. Kent State's tuition rate is assigned to the *student's* level, not at the course level. Therefore, undergraduate students taking graduate courses will be charged the undergraduate tuition rate when in the combined program.

Attach to this document a listing of the graduate courses in the master's degree program that will apply toward the bachelor's degree program and explain the requirements they will satisfy in the bachelor's degree.

Kent State University agrees to monitor the success of the program and will submit an annual report to Ohio Department of Higher Education on the scope of the program and student success.

Kent State University verifies that the information in this request is truthful and accurate.

Respectfully,

Signed after the request goes to EPC

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In the Criminology & Justice Studies BA, all students complete a set of 40 hours of major requirements (25 core hours, as well as 15 hours from their chosen concentration, of which there are seven possible).

All of the courses below can be taken at the graduate level (and are courses offered in the MA program) and count towards the Bachelor's degree as well for the concentrations specified below, within the 9-hour limit. (Note: some courses are listed under more than one concentration.)

General Concentration

(Any CRIM prefix course (below) accepted to fulfill 12 hours of concentration requirements)

CRIM 46705	56705	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CRIM 46708	56708	TREATMENT METHODS
CRIM 46800	56800	INTELLIGENCE AND NATIONAL SECURITY
CRIM 46801	56801	HOMELAND SECURITY
CRIM 46802	56802	TERRORISM AND COUNTERTERRORISM
CRIM 46803	56803	INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY
CRIM 46904	56904	ISSUES IN POLICE WORK
CRIM 47002	57002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW
CRIM 47003	57003	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE
CRIM 47004	57004	LEGAL PERSPECTIVES AND RIGHTS IN VICTIMIZATION

Corrections Concentration

Required:

CRIM 46705	56705	COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS
CRIM 46708	56708	TREATMENT METHODS

Justice and Human Relations Concentration

Electives:

CRIM 46708	56708	TREATMENT METHODS
CRIM 47002	57002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW

Victimology Concentration

Electives:

CRIM 47002	57002	HUMAN SERVICE AGENCIES AND THE LAW
CRIM 47003	57003	RESTORATIVE JUSTICE AND VICTIM ASSISTANCE

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