Code # HSS12 (2014)

**New/Special Course Proposal-Bulletin Change Transmittal Form**

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| **New Course or**  **Special Course (Check one box)**  *Please complete the following and attach a copy of the catalogue page(s) showing what changes are necessary.* |

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| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date… **Department Curriculum Committee Chair** | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Enter date…  **COPE Chair (if applicable)** |
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1. Proposed Course Prefix and Number (For variable credit courses, indicate variable range.)

CRIM 3423

2. Course Title – if title is more than 30 characters (including spaces), provide short title to be used on transcripts. Title cannot have any symbols (e.g. slash, colon, semi-colon, apostrophe, dash, and parenthesis). Please indicate if this course will have variable titles (e.g. independent study, thesis, special topics).

Serial Homicide

3. Will this course be lecture only, lab only, lecture and lab, activity, dissertation, experiential learning, independent study, internship, performance, practicum, recitation, seminar, special problems, special topics, studio problems, student exchange, occupational learning credit, or course for fee purpose only (e.g. an exam)? Please choose one.

Lecture only

4. What is the grade type (i.e. standard letter, credit/no credit, pass/fail, no grade, developmental)?

Standard letter

5. Is this course dual listed (undergraduate/graduate)?

No

6. Is this course cross listed? (If it is, all course entries must be identical including course descriptions. It is important to check the course description of an existing course when adding a new cross listed course.)

No

7. Brief course description (40 words or fewer) as it should appear in the bulletin.

Historical and current trends in serial homicide, including viewpoints of offenders, victims, and law-enforcement community.

8. Indicate all prerequisites and if this course is restricted to a specific major, which major. (If a student does not have the prerequisites or does not have the appropriate major, the student will not be allowed to register).

a. Are there any prerequisites?

no

b. Why?

N/A

9. Course frequency(e.g. Fall, Spring, Summer). Not applicable to Graduate courses.

Fall, Spring

10. Contact Person (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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11. Proposed Starting Term/Year

Fall 2015

12. Is this course in support of a new program? No

If yes, what program?

Enter text...

13. Does this course replace a course being deleted? No

If yes, what course?

Enter text...

Has this course number been used in the past? No

*Submit Course Deletion Proposal-Bulletin Change Transmittal Form.*

14. Does this course affect another program? No

If yes, provide contact information from the Dean, Department Head, and/or Program Director whose area this affects.

Enter text...

15. Justification should include:

a. Academic rationale and goals for the course (skills or level of knowledge students can be expected to attain)

The offering of Serial Homicide increases the number of CRIM electives available to students, and fills a noticeable gap in our Criminology curriculum. Currently, the CRIM major relies heavily on SOC courses for electives, and the department wishes to reduce this reliance by developing new CRIM courses. Serial Homicide is an upper-level elective that will address this need. It is designed to teach students about serial homicide through an examination of the crime and those who commit such acts.

b. How does the course fit with the mission established by the department for the curriculum? If course is mandated by an accrediting or certifying agency, include the directive.

The Criminology program aims to prepare future criminology-related professionals (law enforcement, FBI, forensics) by providing courses examining various facets of criminal behavior. Serial Homicide is one such course. It will serve as a 3000-level elective, and students have shown tremendous interest in this course (it was offered online as a Special Problems course in Spring ’15). In addition, one of the goals for the AY 2014-15 was to revise the CRIM curriculum to provide CRIM-specific courses for our majors. Although the department regularly offers the CRIM major required courses, there have been too few CRIM-specific electives for our majors and minors. As a result, many students take SOC courses as CRIM electives. Although there is definitely overlap between the two disciplines, CSG faculty strongly believe that the CRIM major needs to be strengthened through the development of additional CRIM-specific courses.

c. Student population served.

Undergraduate students in Criminology, BGS, and the ASU degree centers

d. Rationale for the level of the course (lower, upper, or graduate).

Upper-level, 3000. The material covered is somewhat sensitive, and thus students the course is more appropriate for students who are either juniors or seniors. The department also needs to develop additional upper-level electives to meet the needs of both Jonesboro and Degree-Center CRIM students.

16. Outline (The course outline should be topical by weeks and should be sufficient in detail to allow for judgment of the content of the course.) *The outline below reflects the Spring 2015 schedule.*

**January 12-16 2015**

Topic: Course Introduction

Student Responsibilities:

 Read syllabus

Syllabus Quiz & Information sheet due Friday, January 16th by 11:59pm

**January 19-30 2015**

Topic: Defining, Measuring and Classifying Serial Homicide

Student Responsibilities:

 Hickey Chapter 1

 Powerpoint: Defining and Measuring Homicide

 Powerpoint: Killer Classifications

Supplementary Assignment 1 due Friday, January 23rd by 11:59pm

Quiz 1 due Sunday, Feb 1st by 11:59pm

**February 2-6 2015**

Topic: Serial Homicide and Psychopathology

Student Responsibilities:

 Hickey Chapter 3

 PowerPoint: Psychopathology

Supplementary Assignment 2 due Friday, Feb 6th by 11:59pm

Quiz 2 due Sunday, Feb 8th by 11:59pm

**February 9-13 2015**

Topic: Criminological Theories of Serial Homicide

Student Responsibilities:

 Hickey Chapter 4

 Powerpoint: Criminological Theories

Supplementary Assignment 3 due Friday, Feb 13th by 11:59pm

Quiz 3 due Sunday, Feb 15th by 11:59pm

**February 16-20 2015**

Topic: Serial Homicide and the media

Student Responsibilities:

 Posted readings TBD (Note: No readings in Hickey due this week)

 Powerpoint: Media and Serial Homicide

Supplementary Assignment 4 due Friday, Feb 20th by 11:59pm

Quiz 4 due Sunday, Feb 22nd by 11:59pm

**February 23rd- 27th 2015**

Topic: The Sexually Motivated Serial Killer

Student Responsibilities:

 Hickey Chapter 5

 PowerPoint: The Sexually Motivated Killer

Supplementary Assignment 5 due Friday, February, 27th by 11:59pm

Quiz 5 due Sunday, March 1st by 11:59pm

**March 2nd – March 6th 2015**

Topic: Healthcare Killers

Student Responsibilities:

 Hickey Chapter 6

 Powerpoint: Healthcare Killers

Supplementary Assignment 6 due Friday, March 6th by 11:59pm

Quiz 6 due Sunday, March 8th by 11:59pm

**March 9th -13th 2015**

Topic: Male Serial Killers

Student Responsibilities

 Hickey Chapter 7

 Powerpoint: Male Serial Killers

Supplementary Assignment 7 due Friday, March 13th by 11:59pm

Quiz 7 due Sunday, March 15th by 11:59pm

**March 16th- 20th 2015**

Topic: Team Killers

Student Responsibilities

 Hickey Chapter 8

 Powerpoint: Team Killers

Supplementary Assignment 8 due Friday, March 20th by 11:59pm

Quiz 8 due Sunday, March 22nd by 11:59pm

**March 23-28: Spring Break**

**March 30th- April 3rd 2015**

Topic: Female Serial Killers

Student Responsibilities

 Hickey Chapter 9

 Powerpoint: Women Who Kill

Supplementary Assignment 9 due Friday, April 3rd by 11:59pm

Quiz 9 due Sunday, April 5th by 11:59pm

**April 6th- April 10th 2015**

Topic: Victimology

Student Responsibilities

 Hickey Chapter 10

 Powerpoint: Victimology

Supplementary Assignment 10 due Friday, April 10th by 11:59pm

Quiz 10 due Sunday, April 12th by 11:59pm

**April 13th- April 17th 2015**

Topic: Responding to Serial Killers

Student Responsibilities

 Hickey Chapter 12

 Powerpoint: Responding to Serial Killers

Supplementary Assignment 11 due Friday, April 17th by 11:59pm

Quiz 11 due Sunday, April 19th by 11:59pm

**April 20th- April 28th 2015**

Topic: Serial Killers Talk Back

Student Responsibilities

 Posted readings TBD (Note: No readings in Hickey due this week)

 Powerpoint: Serial Killers Talk Back

17. Course requirements (e.g. research papers, projects, interviews, tests, etc.)

Twelve (12) topic quizzes; 12 supplementary assignments

18. Special features (e.g. labs, exhibits, site visitations, etc.)

NA

19. Department staffing and classroom/lab resources (Will this require additional faculty, supplies, etc.?)

This course will be taught online by a PhD Criminologist; no additional faculty or supplies are required.

20. What is the primary intended learning goal for students enrolled in this course?

To analyze cases of serial homicide to form theories about offender motivations

21. Reading and writing requirements:

a. Name of book, author, edition, company and year

Title: Serial Murderers and Their Victims

Author: Hickey, Eric W.

Edition: 6th

Publisher: Cengage Learning

ISBN: 978-1-133-04970-8

b. Number of pages of reading required per week: 20-30

c. Number of pages of writing required over the course of the semester: length of assignments will vary

22. High-Impact Activities (Check all that apply)

Collaborative assignments

Research with a faculty member

Diversity/Global learning experience

Service learning or community learning

Study abroad

Internship

Capstone or senior culminating experience

Other Explain: Enter text...

23. Considering the indicated primary goal (in Box #20), provide up to three outcomes that you expect of students after completion of this course.

**Outcome #1:**

Analyze cases of serial homicide to form theories about offender motivations

Learning Activity:

Students read about the Holmes and Holmes serial offender classification typologies. They also view an interview with convicted serial offender Jeffery Dahmer, in which he discusses him crimes and the motivations for his behavior.

Assessment Tool:

Students classify offenders according to their motivations using the Holmes & Holmes typologies.

24. Please indicate the extent to which this course addresses university-level student learning outcomes:

* 1. Global Awareness

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

* 1. Thinking Critically

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

* 1. Using Technology

Minimally  
Indirectly  
Directly

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| Major in Criminology (cont.)  **Bachelor of Arts**  A complete 8-semester degree plan is available at http://registrar.astate.edu/.  **Electives (select 21 hours from the following):**  CRIM 2043, Community Relations  CRIM 2253, Criminal Investigation  CRIM 2263, Criminal Evidence and Procedure  *If not used for major core course requirement.*  CRIM 3323, Juvenile Delinquency  **CRIM 3423 Serial Homicide**  CRIM 460V, Special Problems  CRIM 470V, Internship  GEOG 3603, World Regional Geography  GEOG 3643, Introduction to Cultural Geography  GEOG 3703, Political Geography  GEOG 3813 Introduction to Geographic Information Systems  GEOG 4623, Environmental Management  GEOG 4643, Geography of Arkansas  HIST 3583, History of Law Enforcement  POSC 3113, American Municipal Government  POSC 3143, State and Local Government  POSC 3183, Criminal Law and the Constitution  *If not used for major core course requirement.*  POSC 4533, Environmental Law and Administration  PSY 3413, Adolescent Psychology  PSY 4533, Abnormal Psychology  SOC 2223, Social Problems  SOC 3273, Social Stratification **OR**  GEOG 3683 Economic Geography  SOC 3353, Minority Groups  SOC 4003, Perspectives on Death and Dying  SOC 4063, Sociology of Disasters  SOC 4073, Sociology of Family Violence **OR**  SW 4213, Introduction to Domestic Violence  SOC 4203, Social Deviance  SOC 4223, Urban Sociology **OR**  GEOG 4223 Urban Geography  SOC 4233, Social Organization  SOC 4243, Social Theory  SOC 4253, Rural Sociology  SOC 4263, Terrorism as a Social Movement  SOC 4273, Population and Demography  SOC 4323, Applied Research  SOC 4343 Geographic Information Systems for the Social Sciences  SOC 4363, Environmental Sociology  SW 3323, Substance Abuse: Intervention and Treatment  SW 3343, Child Abuse and Neglect |

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**Criminology (CRIM)**

**CRIM 1023. Introduction to Criminal Justice** The introductory survey course in criminology, dealing with the main components of the criminal justice system including the police, courts, and corrections, as well as issues and procedures pertinent to the operation of these components. Prerequisite for CRIM 4103. Fall, Spring, Summer. (ACTS#: CRJU 1023)

**CRIM 2043. Community Relations in the Administration of Justice** Provides an understanding of the complex factors in human relations. The philosophy of law enforcement is examined with the emphasis on the social forces which create social change and disturbance. Spring.

**CRIM 2253. Criminal Investigation** Includes fundamentals and theory of an investigation, conduct at crime scenes, collection and presentation of physical evidence, and methods used in the police service laboratory. Fall.

**CRIM 2263. Criminal Evidence and Procedure** Rules of Evidence of import at the operational level in law enforcement and criminal procedures, personal conduct of the officer as a witness, examination of safeguarding personal constitutional liberties. Fall.

**CRIM 3183. Institutional Corrections** An examination of the context, structure, and dynamics of local, state, and federal criminal confinement facilities. Fall.

**CRIM 3193. Community Corrections** An examination of non-institutional correctional agencies and techniques including probation, parole, diversion, pretrial release, community service, restitu­tion, halfway house, and similar programs. Spring.

**CRIM 3223. Police and Society** Explores the relationship of the police to courts, probation, com­munity corrections, institutional corrections, and parole. Also explores the relationship between police and other social institutions and the philosophy of police as an agent of social control. Spring.

**CRIM 3263. Criminology** Sociological patterns of crime and criminals, with emphasis on causes, effects, and prevention. Fall, Spring.464

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**CRIM 3323. Juvenile Delinquency** Causative factors in home, school, and community, extent of the problem, and methods of prevention and treatment. Fall.

**CRIM 3423 Serial Homicide** Historical and current trends in serial homicide, including viewpoints of offenders, victims, and law-enforcement community. Fall, Spring

**CRIM 4243 Social Justice:** In this course, students examine the works of leading contemporary social justice commentators in the context of the criminal justice system. Focus is on issues of race, class, gender, and sexual orientation.

**CRIM 460V. Special Problems** Individually directed problems in Criminology. Must be arranged with the professor and approved by department chair. Demand.

**CRIM 470V. Internship** Combines supervised work experience with study of selected agencies and organizations. Must be arranged with the professor and approved by the department chair. Fall, Spring, Summer.