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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

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1. **Proposed Change** (for undergraduate curricular changes please provide an 8-semester plan (appendix A), if applicable)

Changes to the MA in Criminal Justice:

1. Minor changes to the admissions criteria and the section on degree requirements.

2. Move three courses from requirements section to electives. Remove the statement about methods course substitutions, as it contradicts the statement about course substitutions at the top of electives section.

1. **Effective Date**

Fall 2021; Bulletin year 2021-2022

1. **Justification –** *Please provide details as to why this change is necessary.*

1. The admissions requirements were out-of-date. For example, we no longer offer or require in our undergraduate program the Social Statistics Lab. We also needed to clarify the section on our degree requirements.

2. These courses are specialty areas within Criminal Justice and need not be taken by all students. In addition, we would like to reduce this to allow students to take more electives of their choosing.

**Bulletin Changes**

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| **Instructions**  |
| **Please visit** [**http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot**](http://www.astate.edu/a/registrar/students/bulletins/index.dot) **and select the most recent version of the bulletin. Copy and paste all bulletin pages this proposal affects below. Please include a before (with changed areas highlighted) and after of all affected sections.** **\*Please note: Courses are often listed in multiple sections of the bulletin. To ensure that all affected sections have been located, please search the bulletin (ctrl+F) for the appropriate courses before submission of this form.**  |

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~~The MA in Criminal Justice is designed to serve two purposes. First, the program will assist in developing additional analytical skills for in-service practitioners with BA/BS in the field or in a closely related field. Second, the program will provide a good foundation for students who wish to pursue doctoral studies. In order to fulfill the requirements of the program, students are required to select a graduate committee comprised of at least three faculty members from the graduate faculty, at least two of whom must be from the department of Criminology, Sociology, and Geography. The selection of the commit­tee should take place no later than the end of a student’s second semester in the program. Additionally, students are required to submit a graduate plan to the committee for consideration, which shall indicate the courses that a student plans to take to fulfill the degree requirements. At least two members of the committee must approve of the plan.~~

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Students seeking admission into the Master of Arts degree program in Criminal Justice must meet the admission requirements of Graduate Programs. The specific program requirements are as follows. The student must have:

• BA or BS in Criminal Justice, Criminology, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, or other closely related field.

~~• Two letters of recommendation.~~

~~• Statement of purpose, AND~~

• A minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or a minimum of 3.0 for the last 60 hours of undergraduate course work completed.

• A minimum grade of B in the following undergraduate courses, or their recognized equivalents:

CRIM 3263, Criminology

SOC 3383, Social Statistics~~, and SOC 3381, Social Statistics Laboratory~~

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

**~~ADDITIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS~~**

~~Students must complete a capstone project of either a thesis or comprehensive exam. Both projects will require students to work with a committee to guide them through the project. Students choosing the thesis option will be allowed to take up to 6 credit hours of CRIM 670V, Thesis students will be required to orally defend their thesis proposal and final thesis.~~

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE DEGREE**

A minimum of eighteen (18) hours for the degree must be in courses numbered at the 6000 level. Up to six hours (6) may be taken outside of the department. All students must complete a thesis or non-thesis option for the degree. Students electing to complete a thesis may take six (6) hours of CRIM 670V, Thesis, with the con­sent of the overseeing faculty member, in lieu of a corresponding number of hours of elective courses. (Note: Receipt of credit for thesis hours is contingent upon successful completion and defense of the thesis.) Students electing to take the non-thesis option will take comprehensive exams after earning a minimum of eighteen (18) hours in the program, includ­ing CRIM 6523, Seminar in Criminal Behavior and CRIM 6343, Methods of Social Research.

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Application deadlines: Priority deadlines for admission and for consideration for graduate as­sistantship are May 1 (for Summer or Fall admission); November 1 (for Spring admission).

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**Criminal Justice**

**Master of Arts**

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| **University Requirements:** |  |
| See Graduate Degree Policies for additional information (p. 38) |  |
| **Program Requirements:** | **Sem. Hrs.** |
| ~~CRIM 6133, Police and Society~~ | ~~3~~ |
| CRIM 6233, Criminal Justice Systems | 3 |
| CRIM 6343, Methods of Social Research | 3 |
| CRIM 6383, Advanced Data Analysis | 3 |
| ~~CRIM 6403, Seminar in Juvenile Delinquency~~ **~~OR~~**CRIM 6523, Seminar in Criminal Behavior | 3 |
| ~~CRIM 6513, Seminar in Community and Institutional Corrections~~ | ~~3~~ |
| **Select ~~twelve~~** 18 **hours from the following:***Other courses require approval from the Director of the MACJ program and the Chair of the Criminology, Sociology, and Geography Department.*CRIM 5313, Seminar on Organized CrimeCRIM 6133, Police and Society CRIM 6403, Seminar in Juvenile Delinquency *~~(if not taken above)~~*CRIM 6513, Seminar in Community and Institutional Corrections ~~CRIM 6523, Criminal Behavior~~ *~~(if not taken above)~~*CRIM 670V, Thesis (*maximum of 6 hours for students selecting thesis*) CRIM 680V, Independent StudyPOSC 6503, Managing Local Government POSC 6523, Decision MakingPOSC 6533, Seminar in Human Resource Management POSC 6553, Public Budgeting and FinancePOSC 6563, Seminar in Public Administration POSC 6573, Grant Writing and Administration SOC 560V, Special ProblemsSOC 6003, Perspectives in Death and Dying SOC 6063, Sociology of DisastersSOC 6073, Sociology of Family ViolenceSOC 6113, Seminar in Contemporary Sociology SOC 6123, Aging, Law and Social IssuesSOC 6203, Social Psychology SOC 6223, Urban Sociology SOC 6253, Rural SociologySOC 6263, Terrorism as a Social Movement SOC 6273, Social OrganizationSOC 6423, Seminar in Race, Gender and Class~~Any additional methods course approved by program director.~~ | ~~12~~ 18 |
| **Sub-total** | **30** |
| **Total Required Hours:** | **30** |

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* a minimum grade of B in the following undergraduate courses, or their recognized equivalents:

CRIM 3263, Criminology

SOC 3383, Social Statistics

SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

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**Appendix A, 8-Semester Plan**

(**Referenced in #2** - **Undergraduate Proposals Only)**

*Instructions: Please identify new courses in italics*.

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| **Arkansas State University-Jonesboro****Degree:****Major:****Year:** |
| Students requiring developmental course work based on low entrance exam scores (ACT, SAT, ASSET, COMPASS) may not be able to complete this program of study in eight (8) semesters. Developmental courses do not count toward total degree hours. **Students having completed college level courses prior to enrollment will be assisted by their advisor in making appropriate substitutions. In most cases, general education courses may be interchanged between semesters.** A minimum of 45 hours of upper division credit (3000-4000 level) is required for this degree. |
| **Year 1** |  | **Year 1** |
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| **Year 4** |  | **Year 4** |
| **Fall Semester** |  | **Spring Semester** |
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| **Graduation Requirements:** |