



ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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ACTION REQUESTED:

Decision
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DATE: 22 January 2019

FROM: Curriculum and Program Review Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice + Advanced Entry

COMMITTEE/BOARD MANDATE:

The Curriculum and Program Review Committee (CPRC) reviewed the proposed Major Program Modification in accordance with its mandate under Section III, Part 1 of the CPRC Terms of Reference and recommends approval of the Major Program Modification, as presented.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That Academic Council approve the the Major Program Modification to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice + Advanced Entry, as presented.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Internship program will provide FSSH students with an alternative experiential learning model that will appeal to those looking for a more immersive work experience. The Internship program will allow additional flexibility for placements outside of the local area, as well as the opportunity for students to obtain paid placements.

The additional revised curriculum is more cohesive and focused, and more in keeping with contemporary issues and pedagogical approaches. Course titles and descriptions have been changed to better reflect the topic areas and include new issues and trends. The new 4th year experiential learning block ensures that all students have the opportunity to engage in this form of learning and is more reflective of the push towards experiential learning at the broader university level. The adjustments to the 4th year are intended to increase the number of 4th year offerings and to make the 4th year more robust.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

A faculty representative from each program will sit on the Faculty's Experiential Learning (EL)

Committee. Participation on the EL committee will count towards a faculty member's regular service workload. The FSSH Practicum Coordinators manage aspects of the existing Practicum program, and much of their existing documentation and process will be applied to the Internship program. A recent restructuring of the Practicum office was undertaken with the creation of the Internship in mind, so that the increase in workload could be accommodated. Projected enrolment in the Internship program is expected to be relatively small (~10 students). No additional funding is required outside of the cost of offering a single elective course. Financial cost of offering an additional elective course will be covered within existing Faculty budget.

The additional curricular changes can be accommodated with existing faculty. No additional human resources are required to accommodate these changes.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

CPRC: December 21st, 2018

Faculty Council Approval: December 19th, 2018

UCC: December 11th, 2018

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, these changes will be reflected in the 2019-2020 Undergraduate Academic Calendar
- The expected date of implementation is the fall semester of 2019. It is expected that the greatest interest in the Internship will be from students who will be entering their 3rd year in the Fall of 2019, who can plan ahead and complete the Internship during the Summer of 2020, and then resume their regular 4th year studies in the Fall of 2020. The broader curricular changes will impact students beginning in year 1 as of Fall 2019.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Major Program Modification Proposals
- New Course Proposals: CRMN 4023U, CRMN 4100U, SSCI 4103
- Course Change Proposals