

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 23 November 2021

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Minor Program Adjustment – Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice programs

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with Section 1. b) of the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to approve minor program adjustments and report them to Academic Council for information.”

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to make minor changes to course sequencing and structure and add two new courses focused on Indigenous Studies, in the Criminology and Justice program (CRMN) and the associated CRMN Advanced Entry program.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

There are no additional resources required to make these changes. Courses being added will replace other courses in the program resulting in no net new faculty requirements. Inviting guest speakers for the new courses may require the ability to provide honoraria.

TRANSITION PLAN:

This change will begin with new incoming students in the Fall of 2022. Current students will follow their existing Academic Calendar requirements.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

Undergraduate Studies Committee: October 2021
Faculty Council: May, 2021
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee: May, 2021
IEAC: December 2020

New courses CRMN 2040U Decolonizing Criminology and CRMN 3401U Indigenous Peoples and Justice underwent consultation and approval process with IEAC. The curriculum review group of the IEAC felt very satisfied with the discussion. Their suggestions were that the new courses be prioritized for in-class delivery, or where not possible, for synchronous-only online delivery.

NEXT STEPS:

After presentation for information to Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Criminology and Justice](#)
- Minor Program Adjustment Proposal – [Advanced Entry](#)

- New Courses: [CRMN 2040U](#), [CRMN 3401U](#)