

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 28 February 2023

FROM: Undergraduate Studies Committee

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

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Undergraduate Studies Committee (USC) Terms of Reference, USC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new undergraduate degree programs and major changes to existing programs and to recommend their approval, as appropriate, to the Academic Council”.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION:

That, pursuant to the recommendation of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modifications to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing the following changes:

1. Revise 1st year required courses (per changes to the degree requirements for the Bachelor of Arts in the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities); and
2. Expand modes of delivery for all courses to include hybrid and/or online.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN

The Criminology course schedule will be reviewed annually to ensure a balance between delivery modes, as appropriate.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- Undergraduate Studies Committee: 17 January 2023
- Faculty Council: 20 December 2022

- Curriculum Committee: 6 December 2022

Consultation with the Dean, Associate Deans, Undergraduate Program Directors, Academic Advisors, and faculty members occurred over an 18-month period. This has included broad discussion at a Faculty Retreat, as well as individual discussions with each program director. Academic Advisors recommended these changes as a result of discussions with students.

The proposed changes were presented to Criminology program monthly meetings in October 2022 and November 2022 as well as through online discussions and an electronic survey.

NEXT STEPS:

- Pending the approval of Academic Council, the changes will be included in the 2023-2024 Academic Calendar.

SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)
- Course Changes: CRMN Mode of Delivery Revisions October 21, 2022*
(*file available for review in proposal link above. Course changes compiled in yellow columns).