

ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

ACTION REQUESTED:

Recommendation
Decision
Discussion/Direction
Information

DATE: 28 February 2023

FROM: Graduate Studies Committee

SUBJECT: Major Program Modification – Master of Arts (MA) in Criminology

COMMITTEE MANDATE:

In accordance with the Graduate Studies Committee (GSC) Terms of Reference, GSC has the responsibility “to examine proposals for new graduate degree and diploma programs, 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 Graduate Studies Committee, Academic Council hereby approves the Major Program Modifications to the Master of Arts in Criminology.

BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to update modes of delivery for courses that are taken in the first semester of the MA program to include either hybrid or online synchronous formats, in addition to in-person.

The intent is not to create a hybrid program. The course schedule will be reviewed annually to ensure a balance between delivery modes, as appropriate.

RESOURCES REQUIRED:

No additional resources required.

TRANSITION PLAN:

New course modes of delivery will be effective Fall 2023.

CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:

- Graduate Studies Committee: 24 January 2023
- Faculty Council: 29 November 2022

- Curriculum Committee: 11 November 2022

There has been ongoing discussion with CRIM MA students who have wanted more flexibility with course delivery and increased options. It was decided to keep the first semester of the program in person or hybrid and then ongoing course offerings could be in-person, hybrid or online synchronous.

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: SSCI Graduate Course Mode of Delivery Nov 16.xlsx*
*(*file available for review in proposal link above. Course changes compiled in yellow columns).