

## ACADEMIC COUNCIL REPORT

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

- Recommendation
- Decision
- Discussion/Direction
- Information

**DATE:** 27 February 2024

**FROM:** Undergraduate Studies Committee

**SUBJECT:** Major Program Modification - Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice – Victimology & Victim Studies specialization and Policing in Society specialization

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### 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 Modification to the Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Justice program to add specializations in Victimology & Victim Studies and Policing in Society.

### BACKGROUND/CONTEXT & RATIONALE:

The Faculty is proposing to:

- Add a specialization in Victimology & Victim Studies to the Criminology and Justice program
- Add a specialization in Policing in Society to the Criminology and Justice program
- Add a new course, CRMN 3029U (Crime and the Elderly) to the Criminology major, Criminal Justice specialization, Victimology & Victim Studies specialization and the Policing in Society specialization.

The specialization in Victimology & Victim Studies will add a victim-focused option within the Criminology and Justice program, to enhance understanding of the victim experience as they move through victimizing experience.

The Policing in Society specialization will appeal to students with an interest in policing or law enforcement, which remains one of our core areas of interest among incoming students.

CRMN 3029U will provide a specialized lens pertaining to aging and crime that is currently underrepresented in existing course offerings in the criminology program.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED:**

No additional resources required.

**TRANSITION PLAN:**

New specializations and course will be available to students beginning Fall 2024.

**CONSULTATION AND APPROVAL:**

- ✓ FSSH Curriculum Committee: 5 December 2023
- ✓ Faculty Council: 19 December 2023
- ✓ Undergraduate Studies Committee (Recommendation): 16 January 2024
- Academic Council (Approval): 27 February 2024

Additional consultation occurred with Academic Advising, program faculty, and informal discussions with students.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Pending the approval of Academic Council, this change will be included in the 2024-2025 Academic Calendar.

**SUPPORTING REFERENCE MATERIALS:**

- [Major Program Modification Proposal](#)
- [CRMN 3029U – New Course Proposal](#)