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Master of Science in Justice
Studies (Major)

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New

Requestor: Taryn VanderPyl
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Submitting as: Faculty Member or APA

Request for a: Program
Level Graduate
Type of Request: New (course, program, focus/concentration, or temporary course)
Will this be offered within an existing division or department? Yes
Type of program Major
Division Criminal Justice Sciences
Department/Program Criminal Justice
Is this curricular change driven by assessment data you have collected? No
Summary/Rationale for proposal

The new Master of Science in Justice Studies (MSJS) provides an interdisciplinary approach to social justice issues (both including and beyond criminal justice) for students who wish focus on advocacy, policy, and research in the administration of justice. This new degree broadens the current Criminal Justice Sciences Division's graduate program offerings to meet the diverse and evolving needs of students. CJS currently offers the Master of Arts in Criminal Justice which emphasizes criminal justice in the applied areas of the administration of justice and crime control. The MSJS, on the other hand, will allow us to appeal to those who plan to be activists, and change agents seeking to positively impact various social justice arenas. Students will learn strategies for conducting consequential research, evaluating and shaping policies and practices, and seeking and affecting change by addressing complex social challenges.

Interdisciplinary curriculum in criminal justice, sociology, political science, and history will expose students to a variety of social justice components and issues, while helping them progress toward scholarly work that allows them to focus on their individual areas of concern and passion. Students will be prepared for careers in community organizing and advocacy, criminal justice, research and policy centers, NGOs, public and private agencies, nonprofit leadership, and to enter doctoral programs. Students will gain hands-on, advanced research, theoretical, and practical skills and experience working alongside scholars in social justice agencies.

Title of new program, requirement, focus, or concentration Master of Science in Justice Studies
Description

Professors: Vivian Djokotoe, Terry Gingerich
Associate professors: Scott Tighe, Misty Weitzel
Assistant professor: Miyuki Vamadevan Arimoto, Mari Sakiyama, Taryn VanderPyl

Coordinator: Misty Weitzel

Mission

The Master of Science in Justice Studies (MSJS) provides an interdisciplinary approach to social justice issues (both including and beyond criminal justice) for students who wish to focus on advocacy, policy, and research in the administration of justice. Students will learn strategies for conducting consequential research, evaluating and shaping policies and practices, and seeking and affecting change by addressing complex social challenges. The curriculum will expose students to a variety of social justice components and issues, while helping them progress toward scholarly work that allows them to focus on their individual areas of concern and passion.

Learning Outcomes

- Combining elements of criminal justice, sociology, and political science students will:
1. Gain knowledge of complex social justice issues and how different systems interact around and within these realms.
 2. Analyze interdisciplinary theories and approaches to complex social justice challenges and concerns.
 3. Employ appropriate methods of social science research to investigate targeted problems and questions of justice.
 4. Demonstrate an understanding of strategies for addressing complex social justice issues through activism, policy, practice, and intervention.

Admission process

Applicants must first complete an application for admission to the university and be accepted. Then they must apply to the MACJ program. Both applications are available on the WOU Graduate website: graduate.wou.edu/how-to-apply.

Course Structure

The 45 credit program is comprised of 25 credits of Core coursework, 12 credits of Capstone coursework, and 8 credits of Elective coursework.

Capstone Sequence

As a final evaluation of their studies, all students will complete a 12-credit capstone research project comprised of three sequential courses: CJ 623, CJ 624, and CJ 625. Their final evaluation can be either a thesis, professional project, or comprehensive exams and will be completed during their CJ 625 course in their last term of studies. Students must apply for graduation with the Graduate Programs office prior to their last term in order to have this exit evaluation recorded and to receive their degree.

Core Courses

- CJ 608 Workshop Credits: 1
- CJ 612 Research Methods in Criminal Justice Credits: 4
- CJ 627 Quantitative Methods in Social Science Credits: 4
- JS 658 Justice and Social Theory Credits: 4
- JS 659 Social Problems Credits: 4
- JS 628 Justice Organizations, Ethics, and Change Credits: 4
- JS 629 Social Movement, Community Organizing, and Social Justice Credits: 4

Capstone Sequence

- CJ 623 Program Evaluation in Criminal Justice - Capstone Part I Credits: 4
- CJ 624 Applied Research in Criminal Justice - Capstone Part II Credits: 4
- CJ 625 Research Writing in Criminal Justice - Capstone Part III Credits: 4

Elective Credits: 8

- JS 655 Convict Criminology Credits: 4
- CJ 544 Restorative Justice Credits: 4
- PS 594 Human Rights Credits: 4
- PS 579 Constitutional Law Credits: 4
- SOC 515 Social Stratification and Inequality Credits: 4
- SOC 554 Sociology of Deviant Behavior Credits: 4
- CJ 545 Race and the Justice System Credits: 4
- SOC 507 Prison Policies in Latin America: Comparative Perspectives Credits: 4
- SOC 509 Latinx Mentor Program Credits: 4
- SOC Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Credits: 4

Exit Evaluation Requirement

Students must complete one of the following exit evaluations in order to receive their degree:

%u2022 Thesis

%u2022 Professional Project

%u2022 Comprehensive Exams

Total Credits: 45

Catalog ID:

Required HECC Form

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	MSJS HECC-New-Academic-Program-Proposal_w-budget.pdf	470004	

Credits required for degree 45

Describe any prerequisite credits needed for the college ready freshman

Students must have obtained a bachelors degree in any field.

Programs affected/consulted

In the Criminal Justice Sciences Division, Taryn VanderPyl, Misty Weitzel, and Vivian Djoekotoe have been working on this proposal over the summer with additional guidance from Sue Monahan. Taryn contacted Mary Pettenger, David Doellinger, Maureen Dolan, Earlene Camarillo, and Kathy Cassity on September 10th regarding offering courses in Sociology, History, and Political Science as electives in the MSJS program. Taryn and Maureen spoke at length the same day during which time Maureen offered enthusiastic support for the new program and additional ideas for elective courses. Earlene Camarillo emailed her support and ideas on September 14th. We have not heard back from History yet, but remain hopeful of their involvement.

Faculty and Facilities Needed (for Dean review only)

The entire program will be delivered fully online with the addition of optional off-campus activities. The program will draw on WOU's learning management system (Canvas) for all format course delivery, including instructional and curriculum design support from WOU's Center for Academic Innovation.

The MSJS program builds upon a robust Criminal Justice Sciences Division and existing Master of Arts in Criminal Justice. The MSJS is made up of mostly existing courses taught by current highly qualified tenured and tenure track faculty. New classes in the program will also be taught by existing faculty and will focus on their areas of research and expertise.

The MSJS program will require the development of eight new courses (four core courses and four elective courses): JS 658, JS 659, JS 628, JS 629, JS 655, SOC 515, HIS 6##, CJ 5##. The Criminal Justice Sciences Division has adequate resources to deliver the new JS and CJ courses, which are also part of the pending Graduate Certificate in Social Justice. The SOC and HIS courses will be developed by Sociology and History (pending History's involvement) based off undergraduate courses they already teach. As the program grows, the CJS Division will consider these areas of expertise with upcoming requests for faculty replacements, supplemented with adjunct faculty with subject matter expertise.

No other staff are required for this program. Existing facilities and LMS are appropriate for this program. WOU already has the facilities, library, and other resources in place to fully support the courses offered.

How and when will the effectiveness of this program be determined? (For Dean Review only)

Notes/Comments

Please see attached document for program outcomes and curriculum.

Supporting Documents

Thumbnail	Name	Size	Actions
	MSJS Curriculum and Outcomes.pdf	92927	
	MSJS program notification.pdf	670214	

Related Courses:

https://wou.edu/faculty-senate/curriculum/view/request?id=10300	JS 628 Justice Ethics, and Change	P10298 P10299	Taryn VanderPyl	Criminal Justice Sciences: Criminal Justice	Faculty Senate: Sent: 2020-10-23 12:03:45.	View
https://wou.edu/faculty-senate/curriculum/view/request?id=10301	JS 629 Social Movement, Organizing, and Social Justice	P10298 P10299	Taryn VanderPyl	Criminal Justice Sciences: Criminal Justice	Faculty Senate: Sent: 2020-10-23 12:04:11.	View

<https://wou.edu/facultysenate/curriculum/view-request?id=10302> [JS 655](#) [Convict](#) [Criminology](#) [New](#) [P10298](#) [P10299](#)

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<https://wou.edu/facultysenate/curriculum/view-request?id=10303> [JS 658](#) [Justice and Social Theory](#) [New](#) [P10298](#) [P10299](#)

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<https://wou.edu/facultysenate/curriculum/view-request?id=10304> [JS 659](#) [Social Problems](#) [New](#)

Taryn VanderPyl Criminal Justice Sciences: Criminal Justice Faculty Senate: Sent: 2020-10-23 12:10:11. [View](#)

Department head/Program coordinator decision:

✓ Yes by Vivian Aseye Djokotoe (2020-10-20 14:52:31)

Comments:

Division chair decision:

✓ Yes by Vivian Aseye Djokotoe (2020-10-20 14:54:50)

Comments:

Division curriculum chair decision:

✓ Yes by Omar Melchor-Ayala (2020-10-20 15:03:07)

Comments:

Graduate Committee Decision:

✓ Yes by Melanie Landon-Hays (2020-10-23 12:12:03)

Comments:

Senate Decision: Pending:

Sent to Leigh Graziano (graziano@wou.edu), on: 2020-10-23 12:12:03

LAS Dean Decision: Pending: Kathy Cassity (cassityk@wou.edu),

Provost/VPAA Decision: Pending: Rob Winningham (winninr@wou.edu),

President Decision: Pending: Rex Fuller (rfuller@wou.edu),

External Board Decision (reported by Provost): Pending: Rob Winningham (winninr@wou.edu),

Entered into appropriate systems by registrar's office: Pending: Amy Clark (clarkaj@wou.edu),

Entered into catalog: Pending: Susan Hays (hayss@wou.edu),