

## Graduate Council Program Review Summary

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Program Title	Criminal Justice
Originating College	COLA
Program Contact	LaVerne McQuiller Williams
Degree Type	Master of Science, M.S.
SCH New Program	30
QCH Old Program	48
NYSED IRP Code:	33018
HEGIS Code:	2209.00
Conversion Type	Type 1 Conversion: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Type 2 Conversion: <input type="checkbox"/>
Recommendation	Graduate Council recommends <b>approval</b> of this program
Responsible Sub-Group	Graduate Council <b>Group A</b>
Meeting Date/Time	Monday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2011/10:30 am – 11 am
Meeting Attendance	Agamemnon Crassidis (KGCOE); Don Wilson (SCB); Christine Licata (Provost Haefner's Delegate); Uli Linke (CoLA); Kevin Gold (GCCIS); Peter Lutz (GCCIS); Evelyn Rozanski (GCCIS)
Meeting Location	CST Rm 82-1150
Checklist Complete?	Yes
Concerns?	No major concerns sited. Graduate Council membership makes the following required recommendations <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Change title of the required CRIM 701 Advanced Statistics course to better reflect course content</li> <li>2. Update Table 1b: include culminating element at the bottom of the table, i.e., CRIM 790 Thesis in Criminal Justice</li> <li>3. Change "CRIM 710" course number to "CRIM 701" in Table 1b as the prerequisite to CRIM 790 Thesis in Criminal Justice</li> </ol>
Discussion	The proposed semester-based program is a Type 1 conversion and is a near direct conversion from the current quarter model (48 QCH to 30 SCH). The program coordinators used the semester conversion process as an opportunity to update the existing program. The faculty reviewed the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) website in the summer of 2010 as a guiding tool. The Criminal Justice faculty evaluated and revised all courses to reflect recent changes in the field and provide more depth. As a result of their process, one required courses was eliminated, two elective courses were eliminated, and one course was changed from a required course to a program elective. The focused structure of the program seems to be consistent with ACJS recommendations. The program changes were unanimously approved by the faculty. Admission requirements for the graduate program are: cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better, completion of the baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university, two writing samples, one which is a personal statement, personal interview, statistics course (students may be required to take a data analysis or a statistics course if not taken previously), two letters of recommendation, GRE scores, TOEFL or its equivalent for students from countries where English is not the

primary language with a minimum score of 570 (paper based) or 230 (computer based) taken within the last three years. Students transferring into the M.S. program from other B.S. degree programs are required to have a strong undergraduate foundation in criminology and research methods. Students that do not possess these skills may be required to complete additional undergraduate coursework (Criminology, Theories of Crime, and Research Methods) or demonstrate that they have equivalent skills for completion of the degree. The proposed semester-based program has *six* 3 SCH core required courses (18 SCH total), *two* 3 SCH electives (6 SCH total), and a 6 SCH required thesis. The program schedule is setup for the students to complete the M.S. degree in one year, normally. The course work is complete in the Fall and Spring semesters and the thesis is completed in the Summer semester.

-Agamemnon Crassidis: asked if the proposed electives were “open-electives” that students can take anywhere at RIT?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: yes there are open-electives.

-Agamemnon Crassidis: asked if then they can be taken at RIT and at what level?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: yes, as long as the courses have graduate level standing.

-Don Wilson: asked what the content of the Advanced Statistics course is and what are the prerequisites?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: the course mostly focuses and things like Data Analysis.

-Don Wilson: mentioned that the title for the Advanced Statistics course is then misleading and should consider a different more-reflective title?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: assured Graduate Council membership a new title will be considered for the Advanced Statistics course and will update the state forms and course outlines.

-Uli Linke: asked how students are enrolled in the current existing program?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: currently 10 students this year and 4 from last year.

-Don Wilson: inquired about the prerequisites listed for the CRIM Thesis in Criminal Justice in Table 1b. One course listed is CRIM 710 which is not one of the core courses?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: the course number is incorrect in Table 1b and should be CRIM 701. The table will be updated.

-Agamemnon Crassidis: asked how students total do you expect in your future enrollment projections?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: about 15 total.

-Christine Licata: wondered how many part-time students are currently enrolled in the program?

-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams: about 4 out of the current 10 are part-time students. The proposed semester-based model is setup so that students can enter the program in the Spring semester and still be able to finish.

-Don Wilson: asked if there was a bridge course program in place and to-be-

	<p>in place for students entering the program without a B.S. in Criminal Justice?  <u>-Ans from LaVerne McQuiller Williams:</u> yes there is a bridge course program in place and a similar setup will be in place for the proposed semester-based program.</p>		
Vote Tally	Approve: <b>10</b>	Not Approve: <b>0</b>	Abstain: <b>0</b>
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