

DATE: August 3, 2009  
TO: Curriculum and Academic Programs Committee  
FROM: Afsaneh Nahavandi, Associate Dean College of Public Programs *AN*  
RE: Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The proposal for a Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice has been fully reviewed and approved. It is supported by the dean of the College of Public Programs.

Cc: Debra Friedman, Dean  
Scott Decker, Director SCCJ

**Proposal to Establish a Minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice**  
**School of Criminology and Criminal Justice**  
**Arizona State University**

The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice is proposing to establish a minor in Criminology and Criminal Justice. We believe that there is strong demand for this minor from a variety of students. First, the School has never offered a minor before. We receive numerous inquiries about a minor from students each month. Second, most of our academic peers offer a minor and report that there is considerable demand for the minor. Third, the growth of our major (the number of students enrolled in CRJ courses has more than doubled in the past four years) is an indication of the demand for study in our field. Fourth, the minor will be a popular option, particularly on the Downtown Campus, for students enrolled in the BIS. Existing courses will be used for this minor; no new courses will need to be developed.

The requirements for the minor include the following:

- A minimum of 18 credit hours in Criminology and Criminal Justice. A minimum of 9 hours of the hours for the minor must be taken in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at ASU.
- Required Courses (9 hours)  
CRJ 100 The Justice System (3 Credit Hours)  
CRJ 230 The Police Function (3 Credit Hours) or CRJ 240 The Correctional Function (3 Credit Hours)  
CRJ 360 Substantive Criminal Law (3 Credit Hours)
- Elective Courses (9 hours)  
Three additional upper division CRJ courses may be selected from 300 and 400 level courses in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The School maintains a full time undergraduate advising staff of four individuals and participates in the College of Public Programs Peer and Online Advising programs. The advising for the minor will be included in the regular advising duties of the School. In addition, the College of Public Programs has a full time advising staff that is available to assist in advising for this minor when necessary. Completion of the requirements for the minor will be verified by the advising staff and viewable in the Degree Audit Reporting System (DARS).