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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR/MINOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Justice
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A.

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

The Justice Department is changing its undergraduate program to add an emphasis upon restorative justice and dispute resolution practices. In doing so the Department is creating six new courses, one (JUST 201) which will be required of all Justice majors and the remainder serving as electives for the major. With the additional electives, Justice majors now have an ample pool of electives from which to choose and the Department no longer needs to rely upon courses from other disciplines to provide a variety of elective for Justice majors. Consequently, the Department wishes to drop the six credits of courses from ANTH, COMM, HUMS, PSY and SOC. This change will better prepare Justice students for positions in Justice agencies.

Additionally, the proposed change removes JUST 460 from the list of required Justice courses. The Department is proposing the course be eliminated. To accommodate the addition of a restorative justice emphasis, the Department is eliminating a few courses that are of less importance to the direction the Justice program is pursuing.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

- Justice Major
- 1.
 2. Complete the general university requirements.
 3. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
 4. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
 - JUST F110--Introduction to Justice--3 credits
 - JUST F125--Introduction to Addictive Processes--3 credits
 - JUST F222--Research Methods--3 credits
 - JUST F251--Criminology--3 credits
 - JUST F300X--Ethics and Justice**--3 credits
 - JUST F340--Rural Justice in Alaska--3 credits
 - JUST F358--Juvenile Delinquency--3 credits
 - JUST F460O--American Crime Control--3 credits
 5. Complete 18 credits from the following:*
 1. Justice electives--12 credits
 2. Six credits from the following:
 - ANTH F242--Native Cultures of Alaska--3 credits
 - ANTH F320W--Language and Culture: Applications to Alaska (3) or COMM F330--Intercultural Communications (3)--3 credits
 - HUMS F205--Basic Principles of Group Counseling--3 credits
 - PSY F330--Social Psychology--3 credits
 - PSY F370--Drugs and Drug Dependence--3 credits
 - SOC F201--Social Problems--3 credits
 - SOC F301--Rural Sociology--3 credits
 - SOC F335--Deviance and Social Control--3 credits
 - JUST electives--3 - 6 credits
 6. Minimum credits required--120 credits
- * Students must earn a C grade (2.0) or better in each course.
 ** If taken to meet the upper-division baccalaureate core requirement for ethics/values and choices in the

Perspectives on the Human Condition, then the student must take an additional upper-division justice elective for 3 credits to complete the major.

C. PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:
(Underline new wording strike through old wording and use complete catalog format)

Justice Major

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the B.A. degree requirements.
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*
JUST F110--Introduction to Justice--3 credits
JUST F125--Introduction to Addictive Processes--3 credits
JUST F201--Dispute Resolution and Restorative Practices--3 credits
JUST F222--Research Methods--3 credits
JUST F251--Criminology--3 credits
JUST F300X--Ethics and Justice**--3 credits
JUST F340--Rural Justice in Alaska--3 credits
JUST F358--Juvenile Delinquency--3 credits
4. Complete 18 credits of Justice electives
5. Minimum credits required--120 credits

* Students must earn a C grade (2.0) or better in each course.

** If taken to meet the upper-division baccalaureate core requirement for ethics/values and choices in the Perspectives on the Human Condition, then the student must take an additional upper-division justice elective for 3 credits to complete the major.

D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

Minimal if any. To facilitate the delivery of the new restorative justice/dispute resolution courses, the Department proposes to eliminate four existing Justice courses, and will instruct at least two of the new courses as online courses. Thus there should be no impact upon space or facilities.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

*What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)*

The elimination of the six-credit option for courses in ANTH, COMM, HUMS, PSY and SOC might reduce the enrollments for the courses in those disciplines but the reduction should be insignificant.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

The Department is in the process of changing its student learning outcomes assessment process for the B.A. degree, and will implement a testing process to measure student learning outcomes. For each of the required Justice courses (110, 125, 201, 222, 251, 300, 340 and 358), five objective questions will be created and used in an exam to be administered in the first week of all JUST 110 classes, and again administered during the last week of all JUST 358 classes; essentially implementing a pre- and post testing practice to demonstrate whether students are obtaining and retaining the core Justice concepts.

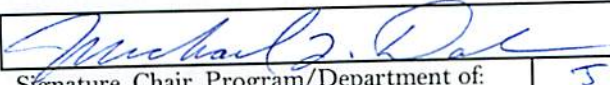
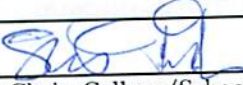
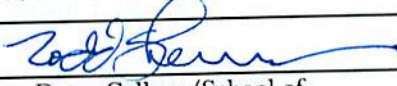
JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.



The elimination of the six-credit option of courses from other disciplines is intended to strengthen the degrees focus on issues that are critical to Justice professionals. Restorative justice has been a growing focus in the Justice professions for the last decade and the creation of a curriculum that directs students to a similar focus is beneficial for the students, and the Justice agencies within the state. In the past the small number of Justice faculty necessitated that the Department supplement Justice courses with courses from somewhat related disciplines. With an increase in Justice faculty, there is no longer the need to rely upon courses from other disciplines to provide Justice majors with electives for the major.

The Department is proposing to change its B.A. curriculum to include two primary foci: one in restorative justice and dispute resolution; and one in law enforcement. JUST 460 served as a capstone course for a broad and general Justice degree. With the refining of the foci for the program, JUST 460 is no longer a necessary course for the program.

APPROVALS:

	Date	4/11/13
Signature, Chair, Program/Department of:	JUSTICE	
	Date	4-11-13
Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:		
	Date	4/11/13
Signature, Dean, College/School of:	CLM	

ALL SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

	Date	
Signature, Chair, UAF Faculty Senate Curriculum Review Committee		