

CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Remove the "C or better" grade requirement from CRIJ 1301

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Criminal Justice

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Leanne F. Alarid

I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.

Leanne F. Alarid

4-3-19

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Crystal Herman

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Denis O'Hearn

I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: April 1, 2019
From: Leanne F. Alarid, Chair, Dept of Criminal Justice
Through: Denis O'Hearn, Dean, College of Liberal Arts
To: Crystal Herman, Chair, CLA Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) passed a "Field of Study" curricula that guarantees transfer of required lower-division courses with a "D" or above grade <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectid=7D02BA60-18B8-11E8-A6640050560100A9> According to Education Code Chapter 61, Section 823, this change goes into effect for Criminal Justice in Fall 2019. One course **CRIJ 1301 Introduction to Criminal Justice is inconsistent with this new mandate.** When CRIJ 1301 is taken at UTEP, students must earn a "C" or better:

This proposal removes the "C" or better requirement so that all students, regardless of where the course is taken, are held to the same standard mandated by THECB.

We are also proposing to remove the "C" or better in CRIJ 1301 prerequisite from 3 upper division courses: CRIJ 3300, CRIJ 3313, and CRIJ 4312 so that a student only has to complete CRIJ 1301 with a passing grade ("D" or better) before they take these 3 required classes.

CRIJ 3300. Applied Research Methods in CJ.

This course introduces students to research with a focus on the importance of suitability of the sample for the research question, as well as the correctness of the concepts, methods of data collection and analysis used. Students should develop the skills required to become educated users of research findings and reports.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Prerequisite(s): ([CRIJ 1301](#) w/C or better)

CRIJ 3313. Criminology.

Criminology (3-0) This course surveys historical perspectives on crime, contemporary criminological theory, penological theory, current trends in crime, and critical thought on current justice practices and procedures. Particular emphasis is given to the development and application of theory in regard to different types of crimes, "crime waves," and appropriate penal policy.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Prerequisite(s): ([CRIJ 1301](#) w/C or better)

CRIJ 4312. Criminal Procedure.

Criminal Procedure This course presents an overview of the constitutional rules governing the criminal investigation, detention, prosecution and adjudication of persons in the United States with focus on the Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Amendments to the United States Constitution and the Supreme Court decisions that have interpreted the meaning of these amendments.

3 Credit Hours

3 Total Contact Hours

0 Lab Hours

3 Lecture Hours

0 Other Hours

Prerequisite(s): ([CRIJ 1301](#) w/C or better)