Proposal Title: On-campus CJ BA degree change

College: COLA Department: Criminal Justice & Security Studies

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Theodore R. Curry

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

Signature Date 11/3/2026

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

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

Signature Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

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

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: October 23, 2026

From: Dr. Theodore R. Curry

Through: Dr. Theodore R. Curry, Chair, Department of Criminal justice & Security Studies

Through: Dr. Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez, Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

Content

☐ New program or ☒ Program Change
- ☐ Bachelor's
- ☐ Master's
- ☐ Doctoral/Professional
- ☐ Certificate
- ☐ Fast Track
- ☐ Minor
- ☐ Concentration/Track

☒ New Course

☐ Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)

☐ Change
- ☐ CIP Code
- ☐ Program/certificate SCH
- ☐ Course Title
- ☐ Course Description
- ☐ Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Rationale

The CJ&SS department seeks to increase the statistical skill and knowledge of its on-campus CJ BA majors to improve employability by replace, as a designated core course (requiring a grade of C or better, MATH 1320 (math for social scientists I) with STAT 1380 (statistical literacy. I have been in contact with Dr. Maria Criostina Mariani (Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences) and Dr. Gail Arnold (Assistant Dean, College of Science) and have obtained their support for the proposed change (emails below).

Copy and paste the degree plan from the catalog and use track changes to indicate the proposed changes.

BA IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Degree Plan
Required Credits: 120

Code	Title	Hours
Minor Required		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		18
Upper Division Hours		
This degree plan requires completion of 39 upper-division hours.		
Designated Core (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses: [1]		
~~MATH 1320~~	~~Math for Social Scientists~~	~~3~~
STAT 1380	Statistical Literacy	3
University Core Curriculum		
Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.		42
Criminal Justice Major		
Required Courses (All courses require a C or better):		
CRIJ Core Classes		
CRIJ 1301	Intro to Criminal Justice I	3
CRIJ 3300	Applied Research Methods in CJ	3
CRIJ 3313	Criminology	3
CRIJ 4312	Criminal Procedure	3
System Electives		
CRIJ 1306	Courts Systems and Practices	3
CRIJ 1310	Fundamentals of Criminal Law	3
CRIJ 2313	Correctional Systems & Practcs	3
CRIJ 2328	Police Systems and Practices	3
Select twelve additional CRIJ hours with at least nine being upper-division:		**12**
CRIJ 2314	Criminal Investigation	
CRIJ 3308	Juvenile Justice	
CRIJ 3309	Comm Corrections & Corr Cnslng	
CRIJ 3311	Crime Control & Prevention	
CRIJ 3321	Family Violence	
CRIJ 3351	Crim Just on US-Mexico Border	
CRIJ 3389	Criminal Justice Ethics	

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Code	Title	Hours
CRIJ 4300	Selected Topics - Crim Justice	
CRIJ 4301	Readings in Criminal Justice	
CRIJ 4302	Cyber Crime	
CRIJ 4303	Crime, Criminal Justice & Film	
CRIJ 4309	Internship in Crim Just I	
CRIJ 4310	Internship in Crim Just II	
CRIJ 4311	Immigration Law and Admin	
CRIJ 4313	White Collar Crime	
CRIJ 4314	Women in Criminal Justice	
CRIJ 4315	Homicide	
CRIJ 4316	Comp CJS & Transntl Crime	
CRIJ 4317	Victimology	
CRIJ 4318	Violence in America	
CRIJ 4319	Street Gangs:Strctr,Act & Resp	
CRIJ 4320	Crim Just Org and Management	
CRIJ 4321	Organized Crime	
CRIJ 4385	Study Abroad in Crim Justice	
CRIJ 4390	Adv Concepts in Crim. Justice	
Open Electives		
Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours		
Foreign Language		
Complete six hours of foreign language (language must be in a sequence)		6
Block Electives		
Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each		12
1 Although the UTEP choice is larger, these choices satisfy the requirements of both the core and the major.		
Total Hours		**120**

Course List

EMAIL CHAIN OF SUPPORT FROM COLLEGE OF SCIENCE OFFICIALS

Thank you for looping me in - and with Dr. Mariani's support, the College is happy to assist with this!

Information that would be helpful for planning the number of sections we would need would be to know

how many incoming freshman/new students we have each year,
how many are 'math ready' or not,
does the degree mapping plan for STAT 1380 in the first semester, if not when?
which semester will the new degree plan take effect?

If there is anything else I can do to assist, please let me know.

All the best,

Gail

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From: Mariani, Maria C <mcmariani@utep.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 5:36 PM
To: Curry, Ted <trcurry@utep.edu>
Cc: Arnold, Gail L <glarnold@utep.edu>
Subject: Re: Criminal justice majors

Dear Dr. Curry, I support your request, I am copying the Assistant Dean Dr. Gail Arnold as we may need to schedule more sections of Stat 1380, thank you for your email, my best regards,
Maria Cristina

From: Curry, Ted <trcurry@utep.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 11:19:13 AM
To: Mariani, Maria C <mcmariani@utep.edu>
Subject: Criminal justice majors

Dear Dr. Mariani,

I am writing in an effort to initiate a conversation with you and your department about my department potentially adding a requirement to our undergraduate degree plan — specifically STAT 1380. Statistical Literacy.

We have long been concerned that our undergraduate students do not have sufficient statistical skills to be highly competitive in the job market and, now that I have become chair, I wish to do something about it. We currently require Math 1320 Math for social scientists, but I would like to remove that requirement and add STAT 1380 as a requirement instead. My faculty support this endeavor.

So, I am writing to see what your thoughts on this possibility are and to see if you have any questions or concerns. I would not proceed without your support. One thing to keep in mind is that the criminal justice department has a very large number of majors (over 1100).

Kind regards,

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