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**EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR**

**OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT: Name Change Only FORM**

**(No change in program curriculum, option/emphasis/concentration or organizational structure)**

(Also requires Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) approval)

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1. **Contact Person** (Name, Email Address, Phone Number)

Sarah Kendig, Dept. of Criminology, Sociology, and Geography, skendig@astate.edu, 870-972-3165

1. **Proposed effective date:**

**Fall 2022**

1. **Justification:**

**Our MA program is not structured as a Criminal Justice degree, rather, the program curriculum reflects a Criminology or Criminology and Criminal Justice degree. In other words, the MA program is structured in a way for students to develop a comprehensive understanding of the theories, methods, and substance of issues in criminology and criminal justice and demonstrate an ability to synthesize knowledge in these areas. In addition, students in this program develop critical thinking and communication skills through the application of criminological theory and social science research methods to (1) the functioning of the institutions within the criminal justice system, and (2) the interdisciplinary underpinnings of criminology and criminal justice issues and policies. Typically, Criminal Justice graduate degree programs are designed for students already working in the field who want to receive an advanced degree. Criminal Justice programs are more agency-oriented and focus on the practical functions of policing, courts, and prisons. Criminology programs emphasize research focused on criminal behavior, varying issues within the criminal justice system, and how the study of crime informs policy. Also, Criminology programs are designed to help students develop a familiarity with analysis and evaluation methods. That being said, changing the program name to include Criminology with Criminal Justice would better reflect the structure of the current program, the courses offered, and the training/mentoring that students receive to continue into a career in a related field (not limited to Criminal Justice) OR to continue into a doctoral program or law school. A degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice provides students with a well-rounded education where they conduct research and actively participate in the development of knowledge in the areas of criminological theory and criminal justice issues, which best represents our current program. Several highly ranked programs at institutions have a blended named program, for example, Arizona State University, Sam Houston State University, University of Missouri – St. Louis, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, and Northumbria University (UK). Lastly, implementing the blended change name can serve as a recruitment tool – limiting the name of the program to Criminal Justice has implications that students already or will work in a criminal justice-related position – changing the name to include Criminology demonstrates the broader program structure and variety of outcomes for our students.**

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|  | **Current Name** | **Proposed Name (if changed)** |
| **Degree/certificate program** | **M.A. in Criminal Justice** | **M.A. in Criminology and Criminal Justice** |
| **Major or option/emphasis/concentration** |  |  |
| **Organizational unit** |  |  |

1. **Provide the curriculum/credit hours for the certificate/degree/major listed above.**

Program Requirements:

CRIM 6233, Criminal Justice Systems 3

CRIM 6343, Methods of Social Research 3

CRIM 6383, Advanced Data Analysis 3

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Sub-total 30

Total Required Hours: 30

**Bulletin Changes**

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**CURRENT**

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MASTER’S DEGREES

Master of Accountancy in Accounting with Data Analytics (M.Acc)

Master of Arts (M.A.)

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Communication Studies

Criminology and Criminal Justice

English

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—Global History

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equivalents:

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• SOC 3383, Social Statistics

• SOC 4293, Methods of Social Research

Admissions are competitive.

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