

Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

BA/BS Curriculum Assessment Plan

Assessment Plan

The Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice BA/BS curriculum assessment plan entails two components:

- (1) A comprehensive exit exam to measure whether students demonstrate an understanding of the major requirements overall, and from each of our eight core course areas; and
- (2) An alumni survey used to measure graduate success and preparation for the field of criminal justice, including an assessment of recommended curriculum changes submitted by graduates.

1. Exit Exam

The exit exam shall be administered during the last week of classes in CRIM 499, the Criminology Capstone Course. This course was chosen as the site for the posttest because it is the culminating course in the department's curriculum and is typically taken during the spring semester of a student's senior year.

Comparative data from the pretest and posttest will be analyzed to identify the following:

- (1) Student knowledge and understanding of Criminology & Criminal Justice overall;
- (2) Student knowledge and understanding within the specific core areas;
- (3) Departmental strengths and weaknesses, both overall and in core courses, as evidenced by assessment.

Results from this assessment will be utilized by faculty to identify courses and/or material which needs further development and reinforcement, in addition to courses and/or material that students have successfully learned and internalized. The assessment rubric for the exit exam is found on the following page.

2. Alumni Survey

An electronic survey of CCJ alumni shall be administered at least once per year.

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Assessment Rubric**

1	<p>Student demonstrates inaccurate or no understanding of material.</p> <p><i>Total Points on assessment: TBD</i></p>
2	<p>Student demonstrates basic understanding of material/character virtue, including basic concepts and minimal detail.</p> <p><i>Total Points on assessment: TBD</i></p>
3	<p>Student demonstrates thorough understanding of material, including basic concepts and sufficient detail.</p> <p><i>Total Points on assessment: TBD</i></p>
4	<p>Student demonstrates in depth understanding of material, including concepts and detail.</p> <p><i>Total Points on assessment: TBD</i></p>

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Program Degree or Certificate

B.A. or B.S. in Criminology & Criminal Justice

DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE LEARNING OUTCOMES					
COURSE # / TITLE Or OTHER LEARNING EXPERIENCE	PROGRAM OUTCOME # 1	PROGRAM OUTCOME # 2	PROGRAM OUTCOME # 3	PROGRAM OUTCOME # 4	PROGRAM OUTCOME # 5
	Explain the relationship between the three major components of the criminal justice system and describe the activities of each component.	Summarize and/or critique academic research reports in criminology and criminal justice.	Apply a criminological theory to a crime or social problem and formulate an explanation of crime based upon the theory.	Identify the criminal law applicable to specific acts and calculate the punishment and/or sentencing range prescribed by law .	Define, explain, and use the correct terminology applicable to the disciplines of criminology and criminal justice.
200 – Intro to Criminology	X				X
220 – Intro to Law Enforcement	X	X			X
396 – Intro Research Methods in Criminal Justice		X	X		X
420 – Criminal Law and Procedure	X			X	X
423 – Juvenile Delinquency	X	X			X
427 – Dynamics of Criminal and Delinquent Behavior	X	X	X		X
430 – Correctional Institutions	X	X			X
431 – Community-Based Corrections	X	X			X
498 – Internship in Criminology		X			X
499 – Capstone	X	X	X		X