PROGRAM PROPOSAL

FACULTY: Liberal Arts & Sciences _X_____; Fine and Performing Arts ________; Education ________; Engineering & Business ________; Honors Program ________

DEPARTMENT: SOCIOLOGY

PROGRAM NAME: CRIMINOLOGY CONCENTRATION

TYPE OF PROPOSAL (check one): _____ New Program _X_ Revision of Existing Program

Please check here to indicate that you have consulted with Library Collections Developer _X_ (Consultation can be done by phone, fax, and/or E-mail. This sheet is checked by proposer, not librarian.)

Recommended by Department Chair: ___________________________ Date 12/7/13

Reviewed and Approved by Faculty Review Committee (if necessary):

Chair of Committee: ___________________________ Date 2/27/14

Recommended by Dean: ___________________________ Date 3/3/14

Undergraduate Programs:
Reviewed and Approved by College Curriculum Committee:
Chair, College Curriculum Committee: ___________________________ Date 3/3/14

Graduate Programs:
Reviewed and Approved by Graduate Council:

Dean of the Graduate College: ___________________________ Date __________________

APPROVED BY ACADEMIC SENATE AND THE FACULTY

Presiding Officer of the Faculty ___________________________ Date __________________

APPROVED BY VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: (ALL PROGRAMS)

Vice President ___________________________ Date __________________
SUNY – NEW PALTZ
OUTLINE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSALS FOR NEW OR REVISED PROGRAMS

(submit one original plus original cover sheet to your dean’s office; 12 photocopies are also required for curriculum committee review)

In using the outline below, please enter for every item, both the number of the item and a brief subhead (e.g., 6. Adequacy of Present Library Holdings) so that readers will understand the entries. The proposed course number should be entered in the upper right hand corner of each page of the proposals. Note: Gender inclusive language is required.

Part I: Summary Information for College Records

1. Name of department: SOCIOLOGY
2. Date of submission to Dean’s Office: 11/18/2013
3. Name of chair (typed and signed) BRIAN OBACH
4. Name of program. CRIMINOLOGY CONCENTRATION
5. Proposal type – indicate whether this proposal is for a new or revised program REVISED
6. Adequacy of Present Library Holdings: YES

Part II: In-Depth Narrative Justifying Recommendation by Department

1. NATURE OF THE PROGRAM: Within Sociology, the Criminology concentration is best suited for those students who have a particular interest in how crime is defined and responded to within our society. In addition to taking the required courses expected of all Sociology majors, Criminology students have additional required classes that focus on criminological theory, delinquency, deviance and specific types of crime such as violence and drugs. Criminology students are also expected to take at least two classes from other departments that are related to crime or law. The only revision to this program is the inclusion of a service learning opportunity in the form of a fieldwork class as an added requirement for graduation. This addition not only addresses the larger goals of the University in enhancing out of the classroom educational opportunities and preparing student for the work environment but also addresses a specific need articulated by former Criminology students.

2. RELATIONSHIP OF THIS PROGRAM TO THE DEPARTMENT’S OVERALL GOALS, AND OTHER PROGRAMS: Among the Sociology department's goals developed in our last five year plan is to provide sociology majors with more opportunities for internship experience. Adding a criminology fieldwork requirement is consistent with that goal. The other departmental concentration (human services) already includes a fieldwork requirement. The addition of fieldwork in criminology is the next step towards our long-term goal of requiring fieldwork of all sociology majors.
3. DEPARTMENT'S EVALUATION PLANS OF THIS PROGRAM: Prior to submission of this course, the department as a whole voted to incorporate this course as a part of the criminology curriculum based on the interest of students and the quality of the course requirements. After initiation, the department will assess the merits of this course each semester for two years. We will evaluate the success and effectiveness of the addition based on enrollment numbers, SEIs, student feedback and a review of student performance based on field supervisor evaluations.

Part III: Inclusions

OLD PLAN OF STUDY:

Sociology Major with a Concentration in Criminology (47 credits)

Required Sociology courses...........................................26 credits
SOC100 Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOC220 Social Inequality (3)
SOC250 Crime and Society (3)
SOC303 Sociological Theory (3)
SOC306 Research Methods (4)
SOC307 Social Statistics (4)
SOC332 Criminology (3)
SOC490 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)
Criminology electives...........................................6 credits
Non-Criminology Sociology elective............9 credits
Cognate courses......................................................6 credits

NEW PLAN OF STUDY:

Sociology Major with a Concentration in Criminology (50 credits)

Required Sociology courses...........................................24 credits
SOC100 Introduction to Sociology (3)
SOC220 Social Inequality (3)
SOC250 Crime and Society (3)
SOC303 Sociological Theory (3)
SOC306 Research Methods (4)
SOC307 Social Statistics (4)
SOC332 Criminology (3)
SOCxxx Field placement in Criminology (3)
SOC490 Senior Seminar in Sociology (3)
Criminology electives...........................................6 credits
Non-Criminology Sociology elective............9 credits
Cognate courses......................................................6 credits

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