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MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
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From: Tomás A. Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate 

Date: August 31, 2016

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-05(B) – Establish a Graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

[Reference Legislation #2016-04]

The Faculty Senate, at its August 24, 2016 meeting, voted unanimously to approve the establishment of a graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice in the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences. This certificate requires 15 credits of core courses. As the attached materials explains, “Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements for the M.S. program may seek admission into the certificate program; and after successful completion of the 15 credits from the core courses of the M.S. program, with a grade of B or higher, students will be accepted into the Master’s Program.”

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your action.


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Enclosure

cc: Thomas LeBlanc, Executive Vice President and Provost
Dean Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Roger Dunham, Chair and Professor, Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences
Amie Nielsen, Associate Professor, Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

CAPSULE: Faculty Senate Legislation #2016-05(B) – Establish a Graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

PRESIDENT'S RESPONSE

APPROVED:  DATE: 9/21/2016
(President's Signature)

OFFICE OR INDIVIDUAL TO IMPLEMENT: Dean Leonidas Bachas

EFFECTIVE DATE OF LEGISLATION: IMMEDIATELY
(if other than June 1 next following)

NOT APPROVED AND REFERRED TO: _____

REMARKS (IF NOT APPROVED): _____

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Proposal for a New Certificate Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice

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Questions about the Proposal: Amie L. Nielsen, Ph.D. Phone: (305) 284-6158. Email: nielsen@miami.edu

Letter of Explanation

This material will be provided below in the Executive Summary section

Memoranda of Approval

Memoranda of Approval have been received from:

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences

Office of Planning, Institutional Research, and Assessment (PIRA)

Graduate School Dean

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To: Tomas Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate

From: Leonidas Bachas
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences 

Subject: Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Date: February 24, 2016

On February 22, 2016, the faculty from the College of Arts and Sciences unanimously voted in favor of a Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The certificate will be offered by the Department of Sociology. I am now forwarding the proposal to the Senate for action.

For your convenience, attached you will find a copy of the proposal. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.


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To: Leonidas Bachas, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences
From: Roger G. Dunham, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology 
Subject: Letter of Support for Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date: 5-23-16

I am writing to express my support for our proposed Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice. This program was initiated by the Department of Sociology and was given approval by the department faculty to proceed. The degree program is designed to benefit students who have earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking further training and professional certification in criminology and criminal justice, a subspecialty of sociology. Students who complete the certificate program will meet education requirements for higher level administrative positions in the criminal justice system, including police departments, departments of corrections, and in the courts. We anticipate that this degree program will attract high quality UM students and administrators in the criminal justice system, and will provide an additional viable option of future employment for these people.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 23, 2016

TO: Dr. Roger G. Dunham, Professor and Chair,
Department of Sociology

FROM: David E. Wiles, Executive Director
Assessment and Accreditation 

SUBJECT: M.S. and Graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Revised)

On February 24, 2016, the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences submitted a proposal notifying our office of its intent to launch a new Master of Science (M.S.) degree program in Criminology and Criminal Justice and a new graduate Certificate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Following our initial review, additional supporting documentation was requested and submitted. Both programs are scheduled to launch in the fall of 2017.

The proposed M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice is a 30-credit graduate degree program comprised of 15 core credits, 9 elective credits, and a 6-credit track/project option (comprehensive exam preparation, internship/report, or master's thesis). The University of Miami currently offers undergraduate and graduate programs in Sociology. The Ph.D. degree program in Sociology includes concentrations in (1) Criminology, (2) Medical Sociology, and (3) Race, Ethnic Relations and Immigration. The new M.S. program will differ from the existing Ph.D. in Sociology in two ways: the M.S. emphasizes both criminology and criminal justice whereas the doctoral program focuses primarily on sociology; the proposed master's degree program also will be a terminal degree for most students.

The curriculum for the graduate Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice requires 15 credits (all core courses). Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements for the M.S. degree program may seek admission to the certificate program; after successful completion of the certificate curriculum, with grades of "B" or better in all courses, students will be accepted into the master's program.

Both graduate programs are designed to provide students with a foundation in criminal justice and criminology theory, research methods and statistics, and substantive areas—including the etiology, control, and prevention of crime. Once the campus-based programs are fully established, online courses may be developed.

Following a review of the documentation, the M.S. degree program and graduate certificate offering was submitted to the SACS Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) on May 3, 2016 as a notification. A response is generally received 3-4 months after the notification submission.

Dr. Roger G. Dunham
May 23, 2016
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Please feel free to contact our office should you have any questions or need additional guidance (305) 284-9431.

cc: Faculty Senate
Dr. Guillermo Prado, Dean, Graduate School
Dr. Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Amie L. Nielsen, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
Ms. Rose-Ketlie Glemaud, Sr. Executive Assistant, College of Arts and Sciences

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 26, 2016

TO: Tomas Salerno
Chair, Faculty Senate

FROM: Guillermo Prado 
Dean, The Graduate School

SUBJECT: MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice and Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice

The College of Arts and Sciences submitted a proposal for a Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice and a Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice. The proposal for the new degree and certificate programs was discussed at the meeting of the Graduate Council on Monday, April 18, 2016, and was unanimously approved with the following recommendation:

The GRE may be waived based on:

- 1) Five or more years of relevant professional experience
- 2) Prior degree in related area/field

Additionally, the Council recommended that the GRE score be increased to 1000 or the 1000 equivalent. Finally, the Council recommended that the Library data on the proposal be reviewed, which seems to be out-of-date.

cc: Leonidas Bachas, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Roger Dunham, Chair, Department of Sociology
Office of Planning, Institutional Research and Assessment

To: The Members of the Faculty Senate
From: Amie L. Nielsen, Ph.D.
RE: Proposals for M.S. and Certificate Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice
Date: June 20, 2016

Per Dean Prado's memo, the Graduate Council approved the proposed M.S. and Certificate Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice with three recommendations. These included:

- 1) Stipulate that the GRE requirement for admission may be waived under two specific conditions:
 - a) With five or more years of relevant professional experience
 - b) Prior degree in a related area/field.
- 2) GRE score minimum required for admission be raised to 1000 or the (new) equivalent.
- 3) Review the information concerning the Library data as it seems to be outdated.

Concerning recommendation 1, the two specific conditions for when the GRE may be waived are now specified in the admissions rubric and statement in the proposal (see pages 10-13 of this document).

Concerning recommendation 2, we have elected to retain the GRE minimum of 950 (old system or its new equivalent). This is so for several reasons.

- a) Many M.S. programs in Criminology and/or Criminal Justice either do not require a GRE or provide no minimum requirement (see M.S./M.A. Programs in Criminal Justice comparison table in Proposal). For example, of local competitors most similar to our program, Florida State University requires the GRE for the online M.S. program, but no minimum is indicated. Florida International University does not require a GRE score unless students seek funding. Florida Atlantic University only requests GRE scores if other minimums (e.g., 3.0 undergraduate GPA in last 60 credits) are not met (see pages 14-18). The GRE minimum requirement of 1,000 (or its new equivalent) would place our proposed programs at a competitive disadvantage.
- b) The newly approved Master's Professional Program in Anthropology uses 950 as a minimum (see pages 19-20). Our program is similar to this program in its more applied focus (i.e., many of our students will be/want to be practitioners in the criminal justice system).
- c) Our current doctoral program uses a GRE minimum of 1,000 (or 297). The proposed M.S. and Certificate programs are likely to attract students with lesser academic preparation than students seeking to enter a doctoral program.

Concerning recommendation 3, all of the discussion at the Graduate Council meeting concerned whether the Library has a single database: VioLit: The Violence Research Literature database. A search of the Library website does show a link to this database (see page 21), but the database is apparently no longer maintained by the University of Colorado-Boulder. Reference to this database has now been removed from the Library Resources information. See Library Collections in the M.S. and Certificate program proposals.

4. Research Methods (SOC 610)
5. Introduction to Statistics (SOC 609)

It is anticipated that full-time students will complete the five required classes in one year of coursework.

Time to Degree Completion: Full-time students will take approximately one academic year to complete the Certificate. It is anticipated that students will complete nine credits in their first fall semester and six credits in their first spring semester.

Transfer Credits: Students may not transfer credits that count toward the Certificate.

Students

We initially expect 5-10 students in the first cohort, with the potential to grow to approximately 10-15 students per entering cohort.

Admissions Requirements for the Certificate Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice:

Students are evaluated for admission based on a holistic assessment of the following requirements. (See Appendix E, Admission Rubric for M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice.)

Students must submit

- a) a statement of purpose,
- b) transcripts from all academic institutions attended,
- c) letters of recommendation from at least three references familiar with the individual's scholastic and/or work performance, and
- d) GRE scores (may be waived based on 1) Five or more years of relevant professional experience or 2) Prior degree in related area/field).

Admission Requirements for the Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice:

Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements for the M.S. program may seek admission into the certificate program; and after successful completion of 15 credits from the core courses of the M.S. program, with a grade of B or higher, students will be accepted into the Master's Program. (See Appendix G, Admission Rubric for Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice.)

Admissions Requirements for the M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice:

Students are evaluated for admission based on a holistic assessment of the following requirements. (See Appendix H, Admission Rubric for M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice.)

Students must submit

- a) a statement of purpose,
- b) transcripts from all academic institutions attended,
- c) letters of recommendation from at least three references familiar with the individual's scholastic and/or work performance, and
- d) GRE scores (may be waived based on 1) five or more years of relevant professional experience or 2) prior degree in related area/field)

Appendix G
Rubric for Admission- M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice

GPA	Degree	Institution¹	GRE⁴	TOEFL⁵	3 LORs	Statement of Purpose	Admission Decision
3.0+ in graduate coursework	Graduate Degree in related field	U.S. Accredited	Minimum score of 950 (if taken before 08/01/2011) or 294	100	Positive	Acceptable	Director Review and Approval
2.5-2.99 in graduate coursework	Graduate Degree in related field	U.S. Accredited	Minimum score of 950 (if taken before 08/01/2011) or 294	100	Positive	Acceptable	Director Review; May be Admitted to Certificate Program ⁶
3.5+ in last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework	B.A. or B.S.	U.S. Accredited	Minimum score of 950 (if taken before 08/01/2011) or 294	N/A	Positive	Acceptable	Director Review and Approval
3.0 - 3.49 in last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework	B.A. or B.S.	U.S. Accredited	Minimum score of 950 (if taken before 08/01/2011) or 294	100	Positive	Acceptable	Director Review and Approval
2.50 - 2.99 in last 60 credits of upper division undergraduate coursework	B.A. or B.S.	U.S. Accredited	Score below 950 (if taken before 08/01/2011) or 294	100	Positive	Acceptable	Director Review; May be Admitted to Certificate Program ⁷

¹ Applicants with degrees from institutions outside of the United States need to have their official transcripts evaluated by our International Admissions department to determine GPA.
⁴ The GRE may be waived for applicants based on 1) Five or more years of relevant professional experience or 2) Prior degree in related field/area.
⁵ TOEFL, required for applicants with degrees from institutions outside of the U.S., may be substituted for IELTS (minimum 8.0).
⁶ Separate additional essay must be submitted to the Director specifying any reasons that may explain why applicant has not met full admission requirements. Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements for the M.S. program may seek admission into the certificate program; and after successful completion of 15 credits from the core courses of the M.S. program, with a grade of B or higher, students will be accepted into the Master's Program.

2.49 and below	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Deputy
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- A 300- to 500-word personal statement describing your reasons for seeking a professional degree through a distance learning program
- Your current resume

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- PDF: FAQs: Online Graduate Program
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The program requires a total of 36 hours of graduate credit. Of these, 15 hours will be required of all students as core courses, which we list below. The remaining 21 credits will come from electives. Of these, 12 credit hours should come from courses within the College Of Criminology and Criminal Justice, but up to 9 hours of electives may come from approved courses from other disciplines. A grade of "C" or higher must be maintained through-out all course work.

Links

- Student Testimonials
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CORE COURSES

CCJ 5806 Survey Criminological Theories (3)

The primary purpose of this course is to provide students with a deeper understanding of criminological theory. Physiological, genetic, psychological, and psychiatric theories of criminal behavior.

<http://criminology.fsu.edu/degrees/online-degree-programs/online-masters-program-2/>; accessed 06/21/2016

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MS in Criminal Justice

Master of Science in Criminal Justice

The Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice requires 36 credit hours (12 courses). All students entering the program are required to complete five courses (15 credits) of core requirements, four electives (12 credits) in criminal justice, and three courses (9 credits) in general electives. The MSCJ program is available at University Park campus and fully online (see <http://online.fiu.edu>).

Admissions Requirements

1. Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
2. GPA of 3.0 or higher in upper division coursework.
3. Grade of "B" or better in both an undergraduate research methods and a statistics course (Measurement Analysis).
4. Letter of application describing your reasons for pursuing an advanced degree and career plans.
5. Example of your written work.
6. Current resume.

Students seeking funding should submit Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores taken within the last five years.

Application: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/admissions.shtml>

Application Deadlines: <http://gradschool.fiu.edu/deadlines.shtml>

Applications are only accepted for the Fall term.

Degree Credit Requirements

The Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice requires 36 credit hours (12 courses). All students entering the program are required to complete five courses (15 credits) of core requirements, four electives (12 credits) in criminal justice, and three courses (9 credits) in general electives.

file:///C:/Users/nielsen/Downloads/MS%20in%20Criminal%20Justice%20_%20Department%20of%20Criminal%20Justice.htm; accessed 06/21/2016

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Admission Requirements

- A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution.

Admission Requirements - The School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

- A GPA of 3.0 or higher in the last 60 credits of undergraduate course work.
- A grade of "B" or better in both an undergraduate research methods and a statistics course.
- A letter of application, explaining the potential student's interest in the program and reasons for applying.
- An example of the student's written work.
- A current resume.

International students are required to achieve a minimum score of 550 (CBT-213) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Meeting minimal standards does not guarantee admission, as all requirements will be considered cumulatively. In addition, anyone who does not present a GPA of 3.0 or higher or a "B" or better in the research methods and statistics courses can still be considered by the MSCCJ Graduate Admissions Committee for admission or conditional acceptance. In these cases, the student may submit some or all the following which will be reviewed by the committee for evidence of high promise in the program:

- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) scores taken within the last five years.
- Trend of undergraduate grades.
- Mature work experience.
- Completion of up to three CCJ or related graduate courses with a "B+" or higher in each.

Admission Process

The admissions process is fully described in the FAU Graduate Catalog, which is updated annually. The process begins with submitting a formal application to the university, arranging for transcripts from all institutions attended since high school to be sent to the Admissions Office, and completing the Student Immunization Form.

<http://cdsi.fau.edu/sccj/msccj/admission-requirements/>; accessed 06/21/2016



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The MA degree requires 36 credits for graduation, with 18 completed in residence. You may elect a degree path with or without a thesis. Rolling admission will allow students to begin in any semester.

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Admission requirements are**:

A baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution;

A cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0;

GRE minimum score of 950 (tests prior to August 1st, 2011) or a score of 294 on tests after that date;

Expository writing sample demonstrating English competency.

**Exceptions may be granted by the department on a case-by-case basis.

For more information on our program, contact:

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http://miami-primo.hosted.exlibrisgroup.com/primo_library/libweb/ac...

Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence - Resources.

Contributor: Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, U Colorado.; University of Colorado.

Subjects: Psychology; Sociology

Description: VioLit, the Violence Research Literature database of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence, University of Colorado , indexes books, journal articles, and reports.

Format: electronic database

Language: English

Note: Abstract/Citation/Index Active

Source: 01UOML ALMA

Certificate Program in Criminology and Criminal Justice - Executive Summary

Overview. The proposed Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice program aims to address issues related to crime and its control in the United States. For those working in or seeking to work in criminal-justice related positions, higher levels of education are increasingly required for employment and/or advancement in many professions and jobs. The proposed program is aimed primarily at individuals interested in bolstering their knowledge and understanding of criminology and criminal justice and for criminal justice professionals seeking advanced degrees to enhance knowledge and career development, and for individuals potentially seeking a Master's degree required for entry into professions in criminal justice.

The program objectives are to provide students with a foundation in criminal justice and criminological theory, research methods and statistics, and substantive areas. The goals of the program are to provide training in fundamentals of the criminal justice system and criminological theory, as well as provide foundational training in research methods and statistics.

The target enrollment for the start of the Certificate program is 5 to 10 students, with the program expanding to 10 to 15 students after the second year. The program will have its first cohort in the Fall semester of 2017. Courses offered within the Department of Sociology will initially all be offered in person. Once the traditional on-campus program is fully established, we will seek to create an online version of this program.

The University of Miami currently offers a Ph.D. in Sociology with one of the possible concentrations in the area of criminology. The proposed Certificate program will entail expanding our existing graduate program's courses and requirements. Offering a Certificate in criminology and criminal justice further deepens the University's commitment to create an environment in which students gain the necessary knowledge and education needed for careers in criminal justice.

Curriculum. The proposed Certificate program requires the completion of 15 hours of graduate credit (all from within the Department of Sociology). The program is structured to be completed in two semesters.

Core. (SOC 15 Credits)

1. Theory and Foundations in Criminology and Criminal Justice (SOC 670)
2. The Criminal Justice System (SOC 673)
3. Criminology and Public Policy (SOC 677)
4. Research Methods (SOC 610)
5. Introduction to Statistics (SOC 609)

Students may seek solely to obtain a Certificate in Criminology and Criminal Justice. However, for students who wish to earn an M.S. degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice but who do not meet the admission requirements, successfully completing the 15 credits of the Certificate program with a grade of B or higher will enable entry into the proposed MS program (see separate document).

Mission: Purpose and Goals

The proposed Certificate program is designed to provide students with a foundation in criminal justice and criminological theory, research methods and statistics, and substantive areas. The program is intended to provide training in fundamentals of the criminal justice system and criminological theory, as well as provide foundational training in research methods and statistics. The University of Miami currently offers a Ph.D. in Sociology with one of its possible concentrations in criminology; it is currently in the process of seeking to expand our existing graduate program's courses and requirements in the form of a new proposed M.S. program. The M.S. program will be based in the Department of Sociology. The Certificate program will enable students to obtain certification demonstrating advanced, graduate level training in Criminology and Criminal Justice.

The proposed new Certificate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice is intended for:

- individuals interested in bolstering their knowledge and understanding of criminology and criminal justice, potentially as a means to seek to enter our M.S. program¹
- criminal justice professionals seeking certification to enhance knowledge and career development

The program goals of the proposed new Certificate program in Criminology and Criminal Justice are to:

- 1) Provide a Certificate for those currently or intending to work in research or applied settings in criminal justice agencies. It also provides an opportunity for interested students to explore potential further education in a Master's program.
- 2) Provide training in criminology and criminal justice, enabling a strong and integrated knowledge of research and practice. This will enable greater understanding of both the etiology and prevention of crime as well as to better inform criminal justice policy.
- 3) **Provide interdisciplinary training, including legal perspectives, concerning critical contemporary issues facing the criminal justice system, including such topics as restrictions on police powers, police use of force and shootings, and legalization of drugs. An overview of these topics will be covered in the core course of SOC 673 (The Criminal Justice System).**
- 4) Provide research and conceptual skills required to conduct analyses and assessments of the criminal justice system.

¹ Students not meeting the minimum admission requirements for the M.S. program may seek admission into the certificate program; after successful completion of the Certificate program courses, with a grade of B or higher, students will be accepted into the Master's Program.

Market Analysis/Demand

In the state of Florida there are only three schools with nationally recognized/ ranked Sociology Departments; of the three schools, Florida State University, University of Florida, and the University of Miami, only one is located in South Florida. Furthermore, The University of Miami's Sociology Department currently offers a concentration in criminology as part of its Ph.D. program. The University of Miami and its nationally recognized Sociology Department is centrally poised to launch a successful Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice program.

This Master of Science in Criminology and Criminal Justice program is designed for students who are both interested in attaining a Master's degree or continuing on into a Ph.D. program. The program has a thesis option for students interested in pursuing a Ph.D. in sociology. This avenue makes the program even more attractive for prospective students.

In South Florida, there are a few universities that offer a Masters in Criminal Justice, Florida Atlantic University, Florida International University, and Nova Southeastern University. Florida Atlantic University and Florida International University do not have a nationally ranked Sociology Department nor do they have a Ph.D. program. Nova Southeastern University offers a Ph.D. in Criminal Justice but its program is not nationally ranked. Based on the University's prestige and the Sociology Department's national rank, this program will succeed. Please see a comparison chart below of near peer institutions and state institutions that offer a same and/ or similar program.

The following institutions have a similar program.

National:

- Northeastern University (MS in Criminal Justice Leadership – online)
- University of Pennsylvania (MS in Criminology)
- City University of New York, John Jay College of Criminal Justice (MA in Criminal Justice)
- University of Cincinnati (MS in Criminal Justice)
- University of Colorado-Denver (MCJ)
- UC-Irvine (Criminology, Law and Society; online)
- Georgia State University (MS in Criminal Justice)
- Loyola University-Chicago (MA in Criminal Justice)
- Fairleigh Dickinson University (MA in Criminal Justice)
- Temple University (MA in Criminal Justice)
- University of Missouri-St. Louis (MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice)
- Rutgers University (MA in Criminal Justice)

University of Mississippi (MCJ)

St. Joseph's University (MS in Criminal Justice)

University of Illinois-Chicago (MA in Criminology, Law and Justice)

Local Universities:

Florida International University (MS in Criminal Justice; on-campus and online)

Nova Southeastern University (MS in Criminal Justice; online)

Florida Atlantic University (MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice; on-campus and online hybrid)

M.S./ M.A. in Criminal Justice Programs Comparison		Florida Agricultural & Mechanical	Florida Atlantic University	Florida Gulf Coast University	Florida International University	Florida State University	George Washington University	Northeastern University	Nova Southeastern University	St. Leo University	University of West Florida	University of Central Florida	University of Florida	University of North Florida	University of South Florida	
General																
Location	Tallahassee, FL	Boca Raton, FL	Ft. Myers, FL	Miami, FL	Tallahassee, FL	D.C.	Boston, MA	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	St. Leo, FL	Pensacola, FL	Orlando, FL	Gainesville, FL	Jacksonville, FL	Tamp, FL		
AAU Member or Colonial Group	No	No	No	No	No	Colonial	Colonial	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
U.S. News & World Report Rank	NP	NP	87	NP	96	54	42	NP	65	NP	173	47	51	161		
U.S. News & World Report Rank (Grad. Sociology Dept.)	NP	NP	NP	NP	39	NP	64	NP	NP	NP	NP	52	NP	NP		
Curriculum																
Credits for completion	33	33	36	36	36	30 or 36	45	36	36	33	30 or 36	36	36	33		
No. of semesters for completion	2 plus summer	NP	NP	NP	NP	4	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	NP	4	NP		
Internship required	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
On Campus courses available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Some courses available online	No	Yes	Yes	Yes*	Yes***	No	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes*	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Concentration 1 w/in another degree or degree similar to a Criminal Justice Masters	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
4+1 option	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Thesis required	No	No	No	No	No	No (36 credits)	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Admission Requirements																	
GPA	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	2.50	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00	3.00
GRE minimum score	1000 (b)	None (c)	900	None (c)	None	Yes/NP	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Class prerequisites	Yes	No (c)	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
Entrance essay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Letters of recommendation	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Application fee	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$75	\$50	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
Undergradua te school transcripts required	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Resume requirements	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Community/ volunteer/ work experience	No	Yes	No	No	Yes (to omit GRE)	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Academic writing sample	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes

Flexible admission requirements	Yes	No	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Interview	No		Yes											No				No
Finances																		
Yearly tuition (non-resident or out.)	\$17,725	\$17,276	\$25,162	\$18,895	\$44,700	\$21,673	\$26,730	\$26,700	\$20,420	\$19,241	\$22,467.00	\$28,591	\$20,789	\$17,324				
Yearly tuition (resident)	\$5,785	\$4,831	\$6,118	\$6,497	\$0	\$6,507	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,360	\$6,368	\$6,313	\$6,385	\$6,410				
No. of Degrees Conferred 2013-2014 based on data from Institute of Education Science	49 (but not exclusive to criminal justice concentration)	19	18	52	17	40 (a)	34	77 (a)	133 (a)	8	95(a)	6	11	22				

Library Collections

The University of Miami Library system has more than 3.5 million volumes, as well as over 600,000 electronic books, and access to over 90,000 electronic and print journals and 1,000 databases. Sociology, Criminology and Criminal Justice students have ready access to both Richter Library as well as the Law Library, providing access to current and past journals and books. Richter library is a depository for federal and state government publications. In addition, the Library system offers some data archives (e.g., old editions of the Uniform Crime Reports), on-site access to software (GIS, SPSS), and to numerous electronic databases (e.g., Sociological Abstracts, Social Science Citation Index), and interlibrary loan services in order to procure needed items not available at UM. There are 37 research librarians (including one specific to the Department of Sociology) and 86 support staff who can also assist students with literature searches and other needs. At the beginning of each fall semester (and spring and/or summer, if students start the program at those times) the Sociology research library will hold a training for all new students in the program. The training will focus on the types of online resources, how to access them, as well as other services (e.g., inter-library loan) that the library offers. The UM library system is a member of Association of Southeastern Research Libraries, the Digital Library Federation, the OCLC Research Library Partnership, the Coalition for Networked Information, the Council for Library and Information Resources, the Northeastern Research Libraries, and LYRASIS.

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