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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **B.A./M.A. in Justice studies** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  |  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) |  **|** [**revision**](#revision)**|**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Jill Harrison** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Sociology** |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)/Context | **The purpose of this proposal is to change the G.P.A. requirement from 3.5 to 3.0 for students who wish to pursue the B.A./M.A. program.** **Lowering the G.P.A. requirement will align the Justice Studies B.A./M.A. program with similar programs at the College. For example, the Math Department’s B.A./M.A. program requires a 3.0 G.P.A., and we wish to populate this new graduate program with qualified students with this modification. The G.P.A. requirement for students who have completed a B.A. is 3.0, so this change does not hold the B.A. student to a higher standard than those currently accepted into the graduate program.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | **This M.A. program is new, in its first semester. Currently we are recruiting qualified undergraduates in the Justice Studies Major (of whom we have over 400) to consider the B.A./M.A. option. We are aware of potentially qualified students in the B.A. program who do not meet the 3.5 G.P.A. requirement. When we looked at potential candidates for the B.A./M.A. program in September 2017, 59 currently enrolled Justice Studies Majors have a 3.0 and would be eligible for the B.A./M.A. option.** |
| A.6. Impact on other programs | **none** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*:  |  |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) |  |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) |  |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): |  |
|  | Promotion/ Marketing needs  |  |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) |  **Fall 2018** | A.9. Rationale if sooner than next fall |  |

### C. [Program Proposals](#program_proposals)

|  | [Old (for revisions only)](#old_program) | New/revised |
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| C.1. [Enrollments](#enrollments) |  |  |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](#admissions) | **B.A./M.A. Admissions Option**Students matriculated in the Rhode Island College undergraduate justice studies major may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. option. Such students will apply after completing 75 credits, including at least 20 credits in courses counted towards the Justice Studies major, and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.5. Application requirements include all of those listed above; however, the GRE may be waived for B.A./M.A. applicants. B.A./M.A. students are permitted to count 9 graduate credits towards their undergraduate requirements. | **B.A./M.A. Admissions Option**Students matriculated in the Rhode Island College undergraduate justice studies major may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. option. Such students will apply after completing 75 credits, including at least 20 credits in courses counted towards the Justice Studies major, and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. Application requirements include all of those listed above; however, the GRE may be waived for B.A./M.A. applicants. B.A./M.A. students are permitted to count 9 graduate credits towards their undergraduate requirements. |
| C.3. [Retention requirements](#retention) |  |  |
| C.4. [Course requirements](#course_reqs) for each program option |  |  |
| C.5. [Credit count](#credit_count) for each program option |  |  |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam  |  |  |
| C.7. Other changes if any |  |  |

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| **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING THE CATALOG COPY**: The proposal must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and must show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” page on the Graduate Committee website. Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal form, especially making sure that program totals are correct if adding/deleting course credits.  |

## D. Signatures

* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs).
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##### D.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary prposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Jill Harrison | Program Director of Justice Studies |  |  |
| Mikaila Arthur | Chair of Sociology |  |  |
| Earl Simson  | Dean of Arts and Sciences |  |   |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. List all other programs and departments affected by this proposal. Signatures from these departments are required in the signature section. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE GRADUATE COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION.

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