

Hello Robyn,

Here are the responses to your questions:

1. The plan currently is to start the degree completion program in Fall 2024. The lead time for faculty to develop the on-line classes seems reasonable given that these fall 24 schedules are just now being developed. Faculty would have this coming spring semester and summer to develop the on-line courses. The potential use of professional development funds is being discussed with the Dean, as well as the issue of whether any funds for the development of courses would constitute "substantial support" from the University per the CBA.
2. The entire BS CRJU program is NOT being moved on-line. There will be no changes to the traditional face to face BS CRJU program as a result of this proposal. The proposed degree completion program will be designed for and marketed to a different audience than our traditional program. The on-line degree completion program will require that students have an earned associate degree. The goal is to reach potential students that our traditional program by and large does not reach including professionals working in the criminal justice system who do not have the time or inclination to quit working and come to our on-campus program to finish their BS degree in criminal justice. The goal of the proposed on-line program is to broaden access to the CJ degree to a group of students who are not currently served with our in-person delivery.
3. Please see above. I am not sure what the definition for these purposes is of a "new program," but the proposed degree completion program basically involves taking our legacy face to face program on-line for a strictly defined and separate audience of CRJU professionals who have earned an Associate's degree and need an opportunity to complete the BS CRJU degree entirely on-line.
4. The proposal includes letters of support for the Departments of Sociology, Political Science, and Psychology. These programs offer the prerequisite courses in our degree plan. The POLS 1100 and PSYCH 1010 courses are routinely offered on-line, and we have developed and approved an online course that will substitute for SOC 1010 when necessary. The CRJU degree plan includes a requirement for the completion of 20-21 credit hours of "core electives," many of which are offered through other academic programs. Our program defines these core elective courses in broad terms and allows students to fulfill these requirements with classes that relate to criminal justice and the goals of the individual student. We are prepared to employ the same flexibility in terms of these core elective courses to students who are a part of the proposed on-line degree completion program.

Please let me know if there are further questions on the proposed on-line degree completion program.

Thanks

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