FLORIDA ATLANTIC UNIVERSITY

NEW/CHANGE PROGRAM REQUEST
Undergraduate Programs

UUPC Approval 3-30-26
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Department Criminology and Criminal Justice

College Social Work and Criminal Justice

Program Name	☐ **New Program***	**Effective Date** *(TERM & YEAR)*
Criminal Justice Minor	☑ **Change Program***	Fall 2026

Please explain the requested change(s) and offer rationale below or on an attachment.

This request revises the catalog language for the Criminal Justice minor to clarify course applicability and address overlap with other programs.

First, the proposed language clarifies that only Criminal Justice courses apply toward the Criminal Justice minor, that courses associated with the Forensic Investigations (FI) minor do not apply, and that CCJ 2002 is the only lower-division course that may be counted. This ensures the minor reflects coursework intended specifically for Criminal Justice.

Second, the proposed language limits course overlap between the Criminal Justice minor and the Public Safety/Law Enforcement concentration. Currently, both programs rely on the same upper-division Criminal Justice electives, with CCJ 4054 (Ethics in the Criminal Justice System) as the only additional course required for the minor. As a result, students can complete both credentials with minimal additional coursework.

Following faculty discussion and a formal vote, the School approved limiting this overlap so that the Criminal Justice minor reflects distinct additional coursework. Under the proposed language, students pursuing both programs may apply a maximum of 3 credits toward both and must complete at least 6 credits (two courses) of upper-division Criminal Justice electives that are exclusive to the minor.

*All new programs and changes to existing programs must be accompanied by a catalog entry showing the new or proposed changes.

Faculty Contact/Email/Phone	**Consult and list departments that may be affected by the change(s) and attach documentation**
Sigal Rubin / rubins@fau.edu / 561-297-4287	No other departments are affected.

Approved by	***Date***
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Email this form and attachments to mjenning@fau.edu seven business days before the UUPC meeting.

Proposed Catalog Language – CJ Minor

Restrictions on Double Counting:

Students pursuing the Criminal Justice minor in combination with the Public Safety/Law Enforcement concentration may apply a maximum of 3 credits toward both programs. A minimum of 6 credits (two courses) of upper-division Criminal Justice electives must be exclusive to the minor and may not be double-counted toward the concentration.

In addition, students completing the Criminal Justice minor must complete CCJ 4054 – Ethics in the Criminal Justice System.

PROPOSED CATALOG LANGUAGE PLACEMENT
CRIMINAL JUSTICE
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(Minimum of 15 credits required)

A minor in Criminal Justice consists of a minimum of 15 credits in criminal justice courses. Of the 15 credits, at least 12 must be earned from FAU and 9 credits must be at the upper division.

The core course must be completed with a minimum grade of "C." Elective courses in the minor may be completed with a minimum grade of "C-." Students must maintain a "C" average in all Criminal Justice minor courses.

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Course Applicability:

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Students pursuing the Criminal Justice minor in combination with the Public Safety/Law Enforcement concentration may apply a maximum of 3 credits toward both programs. A minimum of 6 credits (two courses) of upper-division Criminal Justice electives must be exclusive to the minor and may not be double-counted toward the concentration. In addition, students completing the Criminal Justice minor must complete CCJ 4054 – Ethics in the Criminal Justice System.

For the minor in Criminal Justice, students must take five criminal justice courses in the following manner.

Required Core Course - 3 credits

Course Title	**Course Number**	
Ethics and the Justice System	CCJ 4054^	3

CJ Required Electives - 12 credits
Students choose four courses from the CJ Required Electives category listed above.

^ The online version of this course has received the QM designation.