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Authority to Offer an Existing Course

SDSU	College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences / Sociology & Rural Studies
Institution	Division/Department

Dennis D. Hedge	10/29/2020
Institutional Approval Signature	Date

1. Is this a request to offer an existing common course or an existing unique course (approval will change course status from unique to common)?

- Common Course
 Unique Course

2. Provide the complete description as it appears in the system database including pre-requisites and co-requisites.

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Credits
SOC 460	Advanced Criminology	3

Course Description
An extensive examination of major criminological issues including sociological definitions of crime, and developing theories of crime causation.

Pre-requisites or Co-requisites

Prefix & No.	Course Title	Pre-req	Co-req
SOC 351	Criminology	X	

3. Universities currently offering this course, or any equated courses:

- BHSU DSU NSU SDSMT SDSU USD

4. Does Offering the Course Create FTE Implications? No

5. Does Offering the Course Create Schedule Management Implications? No

Explain: This course will be offered as part of SDSU's proposed BA/BS in Criminology. The University has a staffing plan in place to offer the associated curriculum with no additional state resources.

6. Existing program(s) in which course will be offered: Criminology (B.A., B.S.)

7. CIP Code for the course: 45.0401

8. Proposed instructional method by this university: S – Seminar

9. Proposed delivery method by this university: 001 - Face to Face Term Based Instruction; 015 - Internet Asynchronous–Term Based Instruction; 018 - Internet Synchronous

10. University Dept. Code: SSRS

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11. Authority to offer effective beginning in what term? Fall 2021

12. Section Restriction: None

USD Approval:

From: Dudley, John E

Sent: Monday, September 28, 2020 2:57 PM

To: Zimmerman, Jason
Cc: Earnest, David C; Emery, Mary; Hoffelt, Janell; Freeburg, Beth M
Subject: RE: Authority to Offer an Existing Course -- CJUS 460 Advanced Criminology

Dear Jason,

Last spring, SDSU justified its newly proposed Criminology program by stating that “Criminology and Criminal Justice are distinct disciplines. Criminology is a subfield of Sociology focusing on the social causes and consequences of crime,” whereas “Criminal Justice is an applied field that studies police procedures, forensic analysis, courts, correctional institutions, and other components of the justice system.” SDSU was permitted to move forward in a Sociology-based program by characterizing the study of criminology as distinct from Criminal Justice as a discipline.

Applying that logic, SDSU’s required Criminology course is SOC 351, not CJUS 351, according to your current catalog. Given SB 55, using the CJUS prefix would blur the line between two programs that are supposed to be distinct and would duplicate what we already offer. CJUS 460 would potentially compete with our existing online criminal justice programs. Would it be more appropriate to teach Advanced Criminology as a Sociology course, SOC 460, to your students?

Best,
John

John Dudley
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