



**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF REGENTS  
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS FORMS**

**Substantive Program Modification Form**

Use this form to request minor changes in existing programs (majors, minors, certificates, or specializations).

<b>UNIVERSITY:</b>	NSU
<b>CURRENT PROGRAM TITLE:</b>	<b>Criminal Justice (Bachelor of Arts)</b>
<b>CIP CODE:</b>	<b>43.0104</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT:</b>	<b>History and Social Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DEPARTMENT CODE:</b>	<b>NPSS</b>
<b>UNIVERSITY DIVISION:</b>	<b>College of Arts and Sciences</b>
<b>BANNER DIVISION CODE:</b>	<b>5A</b>

**University Approval**

*To the Board of Regents and the Executive Director: I certify that I have read this proposal, that I believe it to be accurate, and that it has been evaluated and approved as provided by university policy.*



Vice President of Academic Affairs or  
President of the University

10/9/2020

Date

**1. This modification addresses a change in (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required within the discipline | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of supportive course work   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits of elective course work        | <input type="checkbox"/> Total credits required for program  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program name                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Existing specialization   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CIP Code                                     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (explain below) Elimination of emphasis areas and resulting increase in elective credit hours. |

**2. Effective date of change: 8/1/2021**

**3. Program Degree Level (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

Associate ☐ Bachelor's ☒ Master's ☐ Doctoral ☐

**4. Category (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

Certificate ☐ Specialization ☐ Minor ☐ Major ☒

**5. If a name change is proposed, the change will occur (place an "X" in the appropriate box):**

- ☐ On the effective date for all students
- ☐ On the effective date for students new to the program (enrolled students will graduate from existing program)

**Proposed new name:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reminder: Name changes may require updating related articulation agreements, site approvals, etc.*

**6. Primary Aspects of the Modification (add lines or adjust cell size as needed):**

<i>Existing Curriculum</i>				<i>Proposed Curriculum (highlight changes)</i>			
Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.	Pref.	Num.	Title	Cr. Hrs.
IDL	190	First Year Seminar	2	IDL	190	First Year Seminar	2
CJUS	201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3	CJUS	201	Introduction to Criminal Justice	3
CJUS	380	Research and Data Analysis in Criminal Justice	3	CJUS	380	Research and Data Analysis in Criminal Justice	3
CJUS	431	Criminal Law	3	CJUS	485	Social Science Capstone	3
CJUS	485	Social Science Capstone	3	SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC	100	Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC	351	Criminology	3
SOC	351	Criminology	3			<b>ELECTIVES</b> <i>Select 8 courses</i>	
		LAW AND POLICY EMPHASIS <i>Select 4 courses</i>		CJUS	203	Policing in a Free Society	3
CJUS	401	Law and Society	3	CJUS	207	Introduction to Homeland Security	3
CJUS	433	Criminal Procedure	3	CJUS	313	Crime Scene Investigation	3
POLS	320	Public Administration	3	CJUS	314	Criminalistics	3
POLS	339	Courts and Judicial Politics	3	CJUS	314L	Criminalistics Lab	0
POLS	430	Constitutional Law	3	CJUS	401	Law and Society	3
POLS	455	International Human Rights	3	CJUS	403	Counterterrorism and Cybersecurity Policy	3
		LAW ENFORCEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY EMPHASIS <i>Select 4 courses</i>		CJUS	431	Criminal Law	3
CJUS	203	Policing in a Free Society	3	CJUS	433	Criminal Procedure	3
CJUS	207	Introduction to Homeland Security	3	GEOG	372	Introduction to GIS	3
CJUS	313	Crime Scene Investigation	3	HIST	485	History of Modern Genocide	3
CJUS	314	Criminalistics	3	POLS	210	State and Local Government	3
CJUS	314L	Criminalistics Lab	0	POLS	320	Public Administration	3
CJUS	403	Counterterrorism and Cybersecurity Policy	3	POLS	339	Courts and Judicial Politics	3
CJUS	433	Criminal Procedure	3	SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3

		<b>CORRECTION AND JUVENILE JUSTICE EMPHASIS</b> <i>Select 4 courses</i>		SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3
CJUS	452	Prisons and Penology	3	SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3
SOC	270	Introduction to Social Work	3	SOC	330	Self and Society	3
SOC	354	Victimology	3	SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations	3
SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency	3	SOC	354	Victimology	3
SOC	456	Community Corrections	3	SOC	400	Social Policy	3
SOC	470	Child Abuse and Neglect	3	SOC	402	Social Deviance	3
		<b>ELECTIVES</b> <i>Select 3 courses</i>		SOC	423	Social Stratification	3
GEOG	372	Introduction to GIS	3	SOC	455	Juvenile Delinquency	3
HIST	485	History of Modern Genocide	3	SOC	456	Community Corrections	3
POLS	210	State and Local Government	3	SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying	3
SOC	315	Social Work Practice I	3	SOC	470	Child Abuse and Neglect	3
SOC	320	Social Work Practice II	3	SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles	3
SOC	330	Self and Society	3	SS	360	The Traveling Classroom	3
SOC	350	Race and Ethnic Relations	3	SS	396	Field Experience	3
SOC	400	Social Policy	3				
SOC	402	Social Deviance	3				
SOC	423	Social Stratification	3				
SOC	459	Sociology of Death and Dying	3				
SOC	483	Sociology of Gender Roles	3				
SS	360	The Traveling Classroom	1-4				
SS	396	Field Experience	1-12				
Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			40/ 42	Total number of hours required for major, minor, or specialization			40/ 42
Total number of hours required for degree:			120	Total number of hours required for degree:			120

## 7. Explanation of the Change:

The proposed modification entails two critical changes:

1. We are reducing the core major requirements from 18 credit hours to 15 credit hours; specifically, we are removing CJUS 431: Criminal Law as a core major requirement. This change lines up with the majority of criminal justice programs in the region as well as nationally, as it is rare for law courses to be required for criminal justice degree completion. These courses are typically offered as electives. We have instead moved CJUS 431: Criminal Law to the list of elective courses for the major.
2. We are eliminating the three emphases to accommodate current faculty teaching and research expertise as well as position our program to be more adaptable when additional faculty are added to the program/department. Most importantly, this change benefits students within the program. Since the inception of this major, several students have been unable to complete the emphases requirements in a timely fashion due to limits of course rotation. As a result, course substitutions have been required and granted. Though the emphases are eliminated, courses included in those areas have now been added as options in the list of program electives. To accommodate for the decrease in core credit hours for the major (due to the elimination of CJUS 431 within those requirements) as well as the decrease in credit hours that would have been earned through one of the emphases, we have increased the amount of required elective credits from 9 to 24.

These changes will eliminate the need for course substitutions, streamline the degree for majors, and facilitate a more straightforward approach for students when they work with Jani Kovach, our professional advisor, to design their academic plan.