

Rochester INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Minor Program proposal form

College of Liberal Arts

**Department of Criminal Justice**

**Name of Minor:** Criminal Justice

**Brief description of the minor to be used in university publications**

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| This minor provides a foundation in the formal process of social control through the criminal justice system, how behavior is defined as criminal, how crime is measured, and how society responds to crime. This minor is closed to students enrolled in the criminal justice degree program. |

**1.0 Minor Program Approvals**

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|  | Approval request date: | Approval granted date: |
| Academic Unit Curriculum Committee |  |  |
| College Curriculum Committee | 2/10/12 | 2/10/12 |
| Inter-College Curriculum Committee |  |  |

**2.0 Rationale:**

A minor at RIT is a related set of academic courses consisting of no fewer than 15 semester credit hours leading to a formal designation on a student's baccalaureate transcript

How is this set of academic courses related?

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| The criminal justice minor provides students with a foundation in the professional study of the criminal justice system. The courses included provide a broad perspective on the criminal justice system including the historical, social, legal and ethical issues surrounding issues of crime and justice. This minor is closed to students enrolled in the criminal justice degree program. |

**3.0 Multidisciplinary involvement:**

If this is a multidisciplinary minor spanning two or more academic units, list the units and their role in offering and managing this minor.

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| N/A |

**4.0 Students ineligible to pursue this minor:**

The purpose of the minor is both to broaden a student's college education and deepen it in an area outside the student’s major program. A minor may be related to and complement a student’s major, or it may be in a completely different academic/professional area.   It is the responsibility of the academic unit proposing a minor and the unit’s curriculum committee to indicate any home programs for which the minor is not a broadening experience.

Please list below any home programs whose students will not be allowed to pursue this minor, provide the reasoning, and indicate if this exclusion has been discussed with the affected programs:

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| This minor is closed to students enrolled in the criminal justice degree program. |

**5.0 Minor Program Structure, Sequence and Course Offering Schedule:**

Describe the structure of the proposed minor and list all courses, their anticipated offering schedule, and any prerequisites.

* All minors must contain at least fifteen semester credit hours;
* Minors may be discipline-based or interdisciplinary;
* In most cases, minors shall consist of a minimum of two upper division courses (300 or above) to provide reasonable breadth and depth within the minor;
* As per New York State requirements, courses within the minor must be offered with sufficient frequency to allow students to complete the minor within the same time frame allowed for the completion of the baccalaureate degree;
* Provide a program mask showing how students will complete the minor.

Narrative of Minor Program Structure:

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| This minor requires students to gain a general understanding of how the criminal justice system responds to crime in society (CRIM 110). Students can then choose four courses from the list below depending on their personal interests. This minor includes semester credit hour (SCH) courses equivalent to currently existing quarter credit hour (QCH) courses. Changes in course numbers from QCH to SCH were made prior to the creation of the new semester minor policy. The proposed minor represents an approach typical of best practices in the discipline.  See the Minor Course Conversion Table for details. |

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| Course Number & Title | SCH | Required | Optional | Fall | Spring | Annual/Biennial | Prerequisites |
| CRIM-110 Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 | X |  | X | X | A |  |
| CRIM 210 Technology in Criminal Justice  | 3 |  | X |  | X | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 220 Corrections | 3 |  | X |  | X | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 230 Juvenile Justice  | 3 |  | X | X |  | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 240 Law Enforcement in Society  | 3 |  | X | X |  | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 260 Courts | 3 |  | X |  | X | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 275 Crime and Violence | 3 |  | X | X |  | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 285 Minority Groups in the Criminal Justice System | 3 |  | X |  | X | A | CRIM 110 |
| CRIM 489 Major Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |  | X | X | X | A | CRIM 110 |

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| Total credit hours: | 15 |

**Minor Course Conversion Table: Quarter Calendar and Semester Calendar Comparison**

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| **Directions: The tables on this page will be used by the registrar’s office to aid student’s transitioning from the quarter calendar to the semester calendar.**  **If this minor existed in the quarter calendar and is being converted to the semester calendar please complete the following tables.**  **If this is a new minor that did not exist under the quarter calendar do not complete the following tables.**Use the following tables to show minor course comparison in quarter and semester calendar formats. Use courses in the (2011-12) minor mask for this table. Display all required and elective minor courses. If necessary clarify how course sequences in the quarter calendar convert to semesters by either bracketing or using some other notation. |

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| Name of Minor in Semester Calendar: | Criminal Justice |
| Name of Minor in Quarter Calendar: | Criminal Justice |
| Name of Certifying Academic Unit: | Criminal Justice |

| **QUARTER: Current Minor Courses** | **SEMESTER: Converted Minor Courses** |  |
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| Course # | Course Title | QCH | Course # | Course Title | SCH | **Comments** |
| 0501-400 | Criminology | 4 | CRIM 110  | Introduction to Criminal Justice | 3 | Title change for the course; requiredfor the minor  |
| 0501-406 | Technology in Criminal Justice | 4 | CRIM 210  | Technology in Criminal Justice | 3 |  |
| 0501-441 | Corrections | 4 | CRIM 220 | Corrections | 3 |  |
| 0501-440 | Juvenile Justice | 4 | CRIM 230  | Juvenile Justice | 3 |  |
| 0501-443 | Law Enforcement in Society | 4 | CRIM 240  | Law Enforcement in Society | 3 |  |
| 0501-456 | Courts | 4 | CRIM 260 | Courts | 3 |  |
| 0501-523 | Crime and Violence | 4 | CRIM 275  | Crime and Violence | 3 |  |
| 0501-445 | Minority Groups in the Criminal Justice System | 4 | CRIM 285 | Minority Groups in the Criminal Justice System | 3 |  |
| 0501-405 | Major Issues in Criminal Justice | 4 | CRIM 489 | Major Issues in Criminal Justice | 3 |  |