

# **graduate COMMITTEE curriculum PROPOSAL FORM**

## A. Cover page (rover over text for more instructions- please delete red instructions)

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| A.1[. Course or program](#_acknowledge) | Justice Studies BA/MA |  |
| Academic Unit | Faculty of Arts and Sciences  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | Program: Revision |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | Carse Ramos | [Home department](#home_dept) | Sociology |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)Additional Information for [new programs](#type) | The purpose of this form is to create an avenue for our undergraduate Sociology students to enter our BA/MA program. We hope that this this change will boost our enrollment numbers, while allowing us to better serve our students. At present, this option only exists for our undergraduate Justice Studies students. We have had several Sociology students express interest in the MA, and our hope is that expanding the BA/MA will facilitate their ability to join. Currently, our Sociology and Justice Studies programs require the same methods courses (SOC 302W and SOC 404). While Sociology majors are not required to take SOC 362 (Theories of Crime), they take *two* semesters of sociological theory, Classical Theory (SOC 300) and Contemporary Theory (SOC 400). Given that our justice studies MA program is based entirely in the Sociology department, we anticipate that these two theory courses will be more than adequate to prepare Sociology students for our graduate-level Advanced Criminal Theory course (SOC 509). Should this prove problematic, however, we will explore options to address this in-house by for example, substituting SOC 362 for one of the two required theory courses, requiring a third semester of theory as one of the required 300+-level electives, or writing an additional semester of theory into the student’s plan of study, as we sometimes do with external applicants. |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) | This will impact students in our Sociology major by affording them the same opportunity to streamline their graduate degree as our students in our Justice Studies major. Sociology students will then also be able to double-count two graduate courses, saving them money and time in the program. |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact) | We do not anticipate impact on any other programs, including Sociology given that there is space to absorb the two graduate-level courses and, if necessary, SOC 362 into the existing curriculum. |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.):  | N/A—all relevant courses are already being offered |
|  | [Library:](#library) | N/A |
|  | [Technology](#technology) | N/A |
|  | [Facilities](#facilities): | N/A |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | Fall 2023 | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) | N/A |
| A.10 [Changes to the website](#Signature_2) | A new page, like the one at https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/department-sociology/justice-studies-undergraduate-and-graduate-programs, needs to be created for this pathway. |

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| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: This single file copy must include all relevant pages from the college catalog, and show how the catalog will be revised. (1) Go to the “Forms and Information” on the graduate committee’s website <https://www.ric.edu/department-directory/graduate-curriculum-committee/forms-and-information>Scroll down until you see the Word files for the current catalog. (2) Download ALL catalog sections relevant for this proposal, including course descriptions and/or other affected programs. (3) Place ALL relevant catalog copy into a single file. Put page breaks between sections and delete any catalog pages not relevant for this proposal. (4) Using the track changes function, revise the catalog pages to demonstrate what the information should look like in next year’s catalog. (5) Check the revised catalog pages against the proposal, making sure that program totals are correct when adding or deleting course credits. |

## C. [Program Proposals](#program_proposals)

|  | [Old (for revisions only)](#old_program) | New/revised |
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| C.1. [Enrollments](#enrollments) |  |  |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](#admissions) | Students matriculated in the Rhode Island College undergraduate justice studies major may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. option. Such students will apply after completing 75 credits, including at least 20 credits in courses counted towards the Justice Studies major, and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. Application requirements include all of those listed above. B.A./M.A. students are permitted to count 9 graduate credits towards their undergraduate requirements. | Students matriculated in the Rhode Island College undergraduate justice studies or sociology majors may apply for a combined B.A./M.A. option. Such students will apply after completing 75 credits, including at least 20 credits in courses counted towards the Justice Studies or sociology majors, and must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0. Application requirements include all of those listed above. B.A./M.A. students are permitted to count up to 9 graduate credits towards their undergraduate requirements. |
| C.3. [Retention requirements](#retention) |  |  |
| C.4. [Course requirements](#course_reqs) for each program option |  |  |
| C.5. [Credit count](#credit_count) for each program option |  |  |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam  |  |  |
| C.7. Program Accreditation |  |  |
| C.8 [Program goals](file:///Users/sabbotson/Documents/Curriculum/Program%20goals)Needed for all new programs |  |  |
| C.9. Other changes if any |  |  |
| C.10 [CIP number](https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cipcode/browse.aspx?y=56) |  |  |

## D. Signatures.

##### D.1. Approvals:

##### Required from department chairs, program directors, and deans from the academic unit originating the proposal.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Tanni Chaudhuri | Program Director of Justice Studies |  |  |
| Carse Ramos | Chair of Sociology |  |  |
| Earl Simson | Dean of FAS |  |  |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge):

##### Required from all departments (and corresponding dean) impacted by the proposal. Signature does not indicate approval. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the graduate committee chair for discussion.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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