

AGENDA

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 7, 2019

1. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Dr. Mohammed Khayum, provost, will provide an update on Academic Affairs.

2. REVIEW OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Academic Program Development Plan will be reviewed (Attachment A).

3. APPROVAL OF A NEW DEGREE PROGRAM: MASTER OF ARTS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Approval of a recommendation to the Board of Trustees to approve the degree program in Attachment B is recommended.

The College of Liberal Arts proposes to offer a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice degree. A complete abstract describing the program is in Attachment B. The proposed implementation date is fall 2020.

4. ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Andrew Wright, vice president for Enrollment Management, will provide an update on Enrollment Management.

5. PRESENTATION ON USI'S DUAL CREDIT COLLEGE ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Jaclyn Dumond, assistant director of lifelong learning, will give an overview on the complex state policy environment that governs USI's dual credit College Achievement Program (CAP), and report on the newest recruitment and retention data regarding these students and how it applies to the University.

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN INDIANA
New Program Development Plan**

**Revised by Academic Planning Council
October 14, 2019**

Baccalaureate Degree

Master Degree

Doctorate Degree

2019-2021 Biennium

Biomedical Engineering
Business/Engineering
Business Economics
Geography
Industrial Engineering

Athletic Training
Criminal Justice
Elementary Math Specialist
Environmental Science
Food and Nutrition (Dietetics)
Health Informatics
Medical Sciences (MS or Post Bac. Cert.)
Supply Chain Logistics

2021-2023 Biennium

Gender Studies
Bachelor of Fine Arts

Manufacturing Engineering (MSE)

Occupational Therapy

2023-2025 Biennium

ABSTRACT
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice
To be offered online only
By the University of Southern Indiana, Evansville, Indiana

Consistency with Institution's Mission:

A Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ) degree program is a logical extension and fit for the Criminal Justice Studies department. An undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice studies was first offered at the university in 2008 and has grown to be one of the largest majors in the College of Liberal Arts, which is reflective of a quality program that meets the needs of our community and region. This proposed Master of Arts in Criminal Justice (MACJ) directly supports USI's mission to be "an engaged learning community advancing education and knowledge, enhancing civic and cultural awareness, and fostering partnerships through comprehensive outreach programs," while preparing "individuals to live wisely in a diverse and global community." Through the program, students will graduate with a solid understanding of the criminal justice system, crime-related theories, and research and data analysis techniques which will enable students to apply evidence-based practices and policies within their field.

Relation to Institution's Strategic and/or Academic Plan:

The proposed MACJ degree program fits USI's strategic plan by meeting the needs and goals of the Evansville metropolitan area as well as the region's many employment opportunities in Criminal Justice. The proposed degree will: 1) will support employees in our region's and the state's many criminal justice related fields. Acquiring this degree is often a needed step on the path to leadership positions in their places of employment; 2) help USI further its goal to improve recruitment and retention by providing to the organizations that USI already has ongoing relations with a means to advancement for employees; and 3) this degree represents the logical progression of the Criminal Justice program at USI. It aligns with USI's ongoing efforts to increase the number of graduate level programs offered. The local, state, and regional demand for the degree points towards its sustainability going forward.

Curriculum:

The proposed MA will require 36 credit hours to complete. Classes will be eight weeks in length with six terms per year. Rolling admissions will allow students to begin their studies any term throughout the year. Due to the cyclical scheduling of required courses students will be able to graduate two years after their start date following a standard one-course per term track. Students wishing to graduate faster may choose the accelerated track, taking two courses per term, allowing them to obtain their MACJ degree in only one year.

Employment Possibilities:

The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects average nationwide employment growth from 2018-2028 of five percent for police and detectives, three percent for probation and parole officers, and eight percent for private detectives and investigators, with a decline of seven percent for correctional officers and bailiffs. The Department of Workforce Development for the State of Indiana projects there to be employment growth from 2016-2026 of 7.5 percent for police and sheriff's patrol officers and 7.4 percent for probation officers, with a decline of 7.9 percent for correctional officers and jailers. A variety of criminal justice organizations have provided written support for our current effort. Additionally, graduating students have been surveyed to determine their interest. In Spring 2017, 75 percent stated that they would be interested in enrolling in a MA in Criminal Justice at USI, while in Spring 2018, 69 percent stated their interest.