

Proposal to Reduce the Degree requirements for the Bachelor of Criminal Justice to 120 credit hours

The Department of Criminal Justice in the College of Arts and Sciences met on 26 January 2016 and voted to reduce the overall credit hours to receive a **Bachelor of Criminal Justice** to a minimum of 120 credit hours. The vote to reduce the overall degree requirements from 128 to 120 credit hours was (4) in favor, (0) opposed and (4) abstentions.

For the Bachelor's degree each student will complete a minimum of 120 credit hours including a minimum of 48 credits numbered 300 or above. Each student will have a minimum GPA of 2.0 in all courses taken at NMSU. General Education will consist of 36 credits:

Area I (Communications)	10 credits
Area II (Mathematics/ Algebra)	3 credits
Area III (Laboratory Science)*	8 credits
Areas IV and V (Social/ Behavioral Sciences & Humanities & Fine Arts, 6-9 credits per area)	15 credits

In order to fulfill curricular requirements for the BA degree in Criminal Justice each student needs to meet all of the course requirements for that degree as set forth in the catalog. The student may select a catalog that is not more than six years old when the requirements for graduation are met.

Department requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Criminal Justice through the 2015 catalog are 33 credit hours.

- Major requirements (33 Credits)
 - Lower division CJ requirements (6 credits)
 - 6 credits required (CJ 101 and 205)
 - Upper division CJ requirements (27 credits)
 - 15 credits required (CJ 300, 301, 425, and 302, AND 303, 304 or 414)
 - 12 additional upper division CJ elective credits
- Non-departmental requirements (Up to 29 credits)
 - VWV (6 credits)
 - Second Language (up to 14 credits)
 - Philosophy (3 credits – Phil 100, 201, 211, 223 or upper division philosophy course)
 - Math (3 credits – MATH 121, STAT 251G or higher excluding MATH 210))
 - English 111G, plus two of the following: ENGL 203G, 211G, 218G, 311G or 318G (3 credits)

No changes in curriculum should be made on this proposal. Use what is currently in the 2015-16 catalog for each degree plan.

Each student will complete General Education, Viewing a Wider World, courses to meet the major requirement and electives sufficient to bring the total number of credit hours to a minimum of 120 credit hours of which a minimum 48 credits will be numbered 300 or above.

Effective Date: This change is intended to become effective with the 2016-2017 catalog effective with Summer 2016.

Rationale: Reducing the overall number of required credit hours to 120 will allow students to graduate in four years by all full-time students leading to more timely graduation. NMSU will be consistent with our peer institutions. The reduction in credit hours will not affect the credits for the major, general education or VWW; reduction in credits will come from electives.

Required signatures:

Curriculum Committee, Chair



Date 2/3/16

Academic Department Head -



Date 2/3/16

College Curriculum Committee, Chair



Date

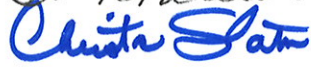
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Associate Dean for Academics



Date 2-3-2016

Dean of Arts and Sciences



Date 2/3/16

ADAC, Chair



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