

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Resolution

Granting Approval of and Permission to Submit to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) as an Information Item a Proposal for Changing the CIP Code, Degree Nomenclature and Program Title of the Existing Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.C.J.) degree (CIP Code 43.0104) to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CIP Code 45.0401) in the College of Arts and Sciences

WHEREAS, the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice currently serves over 20 graduate students; and

WHEREAS, criminology and criminal justice capture two distinct areas of study, with criminology focusing on the application of social and behavioral science to the study of the causes and consequences of crime and criminal justice focusing on the study of the institutional infrastructure that creates laws, enforces laws, and sanctions of rehabilitates offenders; and

WHEREAS, the tenured and tenure-track faculty currently in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice teach classes and conduct research on both applied and theoretical topics of study related to both criminology and criminal justice; and

WHEREAS, the field of study encompassed by the CIP Code 45.0401 more accurately describes the broader curriculum of the current master's degree offered in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Department's name was recently changed to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, putting it in line with its aspirational peer departments and other departments at research universities nationwide;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama that it grants approval of changing the CIP Code, Degree Nomenclature and Program Title of the existing Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.C.J.) degree (CIP Code 43.0104) to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CIP Code 45.0401) in the College of Arts and Sciences and of notifying the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE) of the change as an information item.

December 12, 2016

President Stuart R. Bell
The University of Alabama
203 Rose Administration Building
Tuscaloosa, AL 35487

Dear President Bell:

I join Dean Robert Olin, College of Arts and Sciences, in recommending for your approval the change of the CIP Code, Degree Nomenclature, and Program Title of the Existing Master of Science in Criminal Justice (M.S.C.J.) degree (CIP Code 43.0104) to the Master of Science (M.S.) degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice (CIP 45.0401) in the College of Arts and Sciences. The nomenclature change and program title change will more accurately describe the two distinct areas of study in criminology and criminal justice. The CIP Code 45.0401 more accurately describes the broader curriculum of the Master of Science degree offered in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice.

If you approve of this proposed change in CIP Code, Degree Nomenclature, and Program Title, I would appreciate you forwarding this request to the Chancellor at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



Dr. Kevin Whitaker
Interim Provost

Enclosures

c.: Dean Robert Olin

CIP Code and Degree Title Revision Rationale

The Department of Criminal Justice at The University of Alabama in the College of Arts and Sciences recently changed its name to the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Criminology and criminal justice represent two distinct areas of study: Criminology is the application of social and behavioral science to the study of the causes and consequences of crime; criminal justice is the study of the institutional infrastructure that creates laws, enforces laws, and sanctions or rehabilitates offenders. The tenured and tenure-track faculty currently in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice teach classes and conduct research on both applied and theoretical topics of study related to both criminology and criminal justice. The field of study encompassed by the CIP Code 45.0401 more accurately describes the broader curriculum of the current graduate program offered in the Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice than the previous CIP Code 43.0104; as does the title Master of Science degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. This is a non-substantive change, because there are no changes to the degree program.

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Academic Program Inventory

Form A: Information Item for the Alteration of CIP Code, Program Title, and Degree Nomenclature
Except at the Doctoral Level

Institution: The University of Alabama

Using the instructions below, complete and submit the following:

1. Refer to the institution's Academic Program Inventory for the current CIP code, program title, and degree nomenclature. This information is necessary for the review and evaluation of your request. Failure to include this information will cause a delay in processing the request.


The Inventory for each institution is available online at
<http://www.ache.alabama.gov/Acadaffr/ProgInv/institu.htm>.

2. List the current identifiers for the program from the Academic Program Inventory on line 1 below.

Specify requested change below:

	CIP Code	Program Title	Degree Nomenclature
1. Current listing	43.0104	Criminal Justice	M.S.C.J.
2. Proposed listing	45.0401	Criminology and Criminal Justice	M.S.

3. In an attachment, please state the rationale for the revision. For a non-substantive change, include a statement that there is no change in the requirements or the character of the program, etc.


Signature of Authorized Inventory Official

The University of Alabama
Institution

Interim Provost
Title

12/8/16
Date