

PROPOSAL: Create a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies (Accelerated)

Background

The Graduate Studies Council of the Faculty Senate has approved the creation of a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies offered by the Department of Sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences. The Accelerated Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies (Accelerated) program allows undergraduate students to begin accumulating credits toward the completion of a master's degree in criminal justice studies while still enrolled in the Department of Sociology as undergraduate majors. Students participating in this program are allowed to take a maximum of 12 graduate credit hours during their senior year that will count toward completion of their bachelor's degree. After completing the undergraduate degree, students are admitted to the master's program in criminal justice studies at which point the graduate credits they earned as undergraduates are credited towards the completion of their M.A. degree.

Recommended Action

It is recommended the WMU Board of Trustees create a Master of Arts in Criminal Justice Studies (Accelerated).