

**BACKGROUND**

**CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATION**

**This program clearly meets Regents' standards for baccalaureate degree programs.  
There were no serious concerns raised in the review.**

**Request:** Central State University requests approval for a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice. The program will be housed in the College of Arts and Sciences, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

**Program Purpose/Mission:** The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice will prepare professionals to work within local, state and federal agencies in the criminal justice system. The proposed degree builds from the existing minor within sociology and will provide students with a focus in three key areas: law enforcement (local, state or federal law enforcement officers), judicial (law school or criminal justice professionals such as victim advocates, legal assistant, etc.) and employment in the adult and juvenile corrections system.

The Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice is among the recommendations from the Speed to Scale collaborative planning effort of the Ohio Board of Regents and Central State University (2006-2007), and is part of the university's strategic academic and enrollment plan. The proposed criminal justice program at Central State University will help provide highly sought-after minority graduates in this area of continued employment growth. The baccalaureate degree will also provide a degree-completion opportunity for those students who already have an associate degree in criminal justice.

**Enrollments:** Central State University is developing articulation agreements with community colleges, including Sinclair Community College, for students with associate degrees in criminal justice who are interested in completing a baccalaureate degree. As part of its broader recruitment efforts, Central State is also working with the Greene County Career Center to attract students in the policy academy to the program. Projected enrollment for full-time enrollment in the program, after a five-year growth period, is 150. The projected enrollment for the first year is 50. In the region, Wright State, Xavier and University of Cincinnati have similar baccalaureate degree programs.

**Curriculum:** The curriculum of the proposed baccalaureate degree builds from the existing minor in criminal justice, with additional required coursework in criminal justice for the baccalaureate degree.

**Licensure Requirements:** No licensure requirements exist for the Bachelors of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

**Faculty/Resource Needs:** No additional facilities are required to support start-up of the program. Library facilities fully meet the needs either through on-campus facilities or those available through Inter-Library Loan Program. It is anticipated that one additional faculty member will be needed support the degree program in the first year, with an additional faculty member required in the third year of the program. Support for the proposed degree program is factored into the financial model for the Speed-to-Scale initiative.

**Approved:**

  
**Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor  
Ohio Board of Regents**

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**Date**