

BACKGROUND AND RECOMMENDATION

WRIGHT STATE UNIVERSITY – LAKE CAMPUS Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice

RECOMMENDATION

This program meets the Chancellor's minimum standards for baccalaureate degrees. There were no concerns identified in the review. Approval is recommended.

Request: Wright State University (WSU) requests approval for a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice for the Lake Campus. The degree is currently offered on the main campus (Dayton) of Wright State University. The Dayton campus' College of Liberal Arts, and the Departments of Criminal Justice, Political Science and Sociology will administer the Bachelor of Arts in collaboration with the Lake Campus.

Program Purpose: The proposed Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice will provide students with an undergraduate degree option leading to employment opportunities in the legal professions, safety professions, government service and graduate study in various areas including criminal justice, law, and sociology.

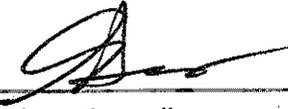
Enrollments: The Lake Campus of Wright State University has assessed local employer needs and student interest for a criminal justice baccalaureate program. The university anticipates an initial class size of 20 students (full and part-time), including students and graduates from associate degree programs and graduates of the Grand Lake Law Enforcement Academy interested in pursuing a baccalaureate degree. The Grand Lake Law Enforcement Academy is a training program maintained by the Ohio Peace Officers Training Commission. The training program is located at the Lake Campus of WSU. The target enrollment for the proposed baccalaureate program is 28 new students per year after four years of program implementation.

Curriculum: The criminal justice program requires 192-quarter hours, including 20 hours in core requirements and 36 hours in criminal justice foundations (behavior studies, studies of institutions, and law). Students are required to complete 12-20 hours in foreign language or sign language. Students in the proposed program complete a supervised field experience with local agencies such as corrections, probation, law enforcement and the public defenders office.

Resource/Faculty Needs: The Lake Campus already offers four baccalaureate programs (English, Liberal Studies, Organizational Leadership and Middle Childhood Education). The campus provides sufficient general education and upper-division academic opportunities to complement the criminal justice program. The institution has sufficient resources to support the program's needs.

End of Comment Period: June 1, 2010
No Comments Received, Recommend Approval

APPROVED



6/14/2010

Eric D. Fingerhut, Chancellor

Date

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