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## **Cover page** scroll over blue text to see further important [instructions](#instructions): [if not working select “COMMents on rollover” in your Word preferences under view] **please read these.**

**N.B. ALL numbered categories in section (A) must be completed. Please do not use highlight to select choices within a category but simply delete the options that do not apply to your proposal (e.g. in A.2 if this is a course revision proposal, just delete the creation and deletion options and the various program ones, so it reads “course revision”) Do not delete any of the numbered categories—if they do not apply leave them blank. If there are no resources impacted, please put “none” in each A. 7 category.**

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| A.1. [Course or program](#Proposal) | **Sociology 362W: Theories of Crime seminar** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  |  |
| A. 1b. Academic unit | **Faculty of Arts and Sciences**  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | **Course: revision**  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | **Carse Ramos** | [Home department](#home_dept) | **Sociology** |
| A.4. [Context and Rationale](#Rationale) Must include additional information listed in smart tip for all [new programs](#type). If **online** course or program, you need to explain what mode(s) you plan to use and why you need that specific delivery.  | **The purpose of this proposal is to change the prerequisites of SOC 362W (Theories of Crime Seminar) from “Sociology 207 and 45 credit hours” to “any 200-level social science course in ANTH, POL, PSYC or SOC, consent of the department chair.”****The rationale for this prerequisite change is twofold.** **First, SOC 362W is a required theory course in our Justice Studies Major and Minor and an elective in our Sociology Major and Minor. As such, it is important for us to offer two sections each semester in order to better cater to students’ schedules, made even more critical in light of the new HOPE scholarship requirements. With flagging numbers in the past few semesters, we hope that this prerequisite change will make the course accessible to a broader pool of students, helping to boost enrollment.****Second, this change brings the prerequisites for SOC 362W in line with SOC 300 (Classical Theory), the required 300-level theory course in our Sociology program. SOC 300 does not have a credit number or course specific prerequisite. As a department, we have debated whether or not to bring the two courses into parity for quite a while. As part of our discussions on the HOPE scholarship, we decided that it made sense to implement this change now.** |
| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact)Must include to explain why this change is being made? |  |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact)  |  |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | [*Faculty PT & FT*](#faculty):  | **N/A** |
| [*Library*:](#library) | **N/A** |
| *Technology (for in person delivery)*The VP of Information Services should be consulted prior to submission and their acknowledgement signature included. | **\_\_\_RIC Campus \_\_\_NEC \_\_\_Other \_\_\_X\_ None** |
| *Technology: (for online delivery. Must be RIC supported)*The VP of Information Services should be consulted prior to submission and their approval signature included. |  |
| [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **N/A** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2024** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) | **N/A** |
| A.10. INSTRUCTIONS FOR CATALOG COPY: Use the Word copy versions of the catalog sections found on the UCC Forms and Information page. Cut and paste into a single file **ALL the relevant pages from the college catalog that need to be changed.** Use tracked changes feature to show how the catalog will be revised as you type in the revisions. If totally new copy, indicate where it should go in the catalog. If making related proposals a single catalog copy that includes all changes is preferred. Send catalog copy as a separate single Word file along with this form. |
| A.11. List here (with the relevant urls), any RIC website pages that will need to be updated (to which your department does not have access) if this proposal is approved, with an explanation as to what needs to be revised: |
| A. 12 **Check to see if your proposal will impact any of our** [**transfer** **agreements,**](file:///Users/SAbbotson/Documents/Curriculum/ManualandWebsite/transfer%20agreements) **and if it does explain in what way. Please indicate clearly what will need to be updated, including any changes in prefix numbers/titles for TES.** |
| A. 13 Check the section that lists “Possible NECHE considerations” on the UCC Forms and Information page and if any apply, indicate what that might be here and contact Institutional Research for further guidance. |

**B.** [**NEW OR REVISED COURSES**](#delete_if) **FOR WHICH FULL CONTACT HOURS ARE MET IN PERSON and listed as such in the catalog. If the course will be also taught in other modes just fill out the questions that are noted at the top of sections C and/or D, as applicable.**

**Delete section B. if the proposal does not include a new or revised IN-PERSON course. As in section A. do not highlight but simply delete suggested options not being used. Always fill in b. 1 and B. 3 for context. NOTE: course learning outcomes and topical outlines only needed for new or substantially revised courses.**

|  | Old ([for revisions only](#Revisions))ONLY include information that is being revised, otherwise leave blank.  | NewExamples are provided within some of the boxes for guidance, delete just the examples that do not apply. |
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| B.1. [Course prefix and number](#cours_title)  | **SOC 362** | **SOC 362** |
| B.2. Cross listing number if any |  |  |
| B.3. [Course title](#title)  | **Theories of Crime Seminar** | **Theories of Crime Seminar** |
| B.4. [Course description](#description)  |  |  |
| B.5. [Prerequisite(s)](#prereqs) | **SOC 207 and 45 credits** | **Any 200-level social science course in ANTH, POL, PSYC, or SOC, or consent of department chair** |
| B.6. [Offered](#Offered) please read the screen tips to do this correctly, alternate years needs to be assigned odd/even, and a specific semester. |  |  |
| B.7. [Contact hours](#contacthours)  |  |  |
| B.8. [Credit hours](#credits) |  |  |
| B.9. [Justify differences if any](#differences) |  |

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| B.10. [Grading system](#grading)  |  |  |
| B.11. [Type of cours](#instr_methods)e  |  |  |
| B.12. CATEGORIES 12. a. [How](#required) to be used | **Required for major JSTD****Restricted elective for major/minor SOC** |  |
|  12 b. Is this an Honors  course? | **No** |  |
|  12. c. [General Education](#ge) N.B. Connections must include at  least 50% Standard Classroom instruction. | **No** |  |
|  12. d. Writing in the  Discipline (WID) | **Yes** |  |
| B.13. [How will student performance be evaluated?](#performance)  |  |  |
| B.14 [Recommended class-size](#class_size" \o "Check appendix XVIII in the UCC Manual for Best Practices) |  |  |
| B.15. [Redundancy statement](#competing) |  |  |
| B. 16. Other changes, if any |  |

| B.17**.** [**Course learning outcomes**](#outcomes)**: List each one in a separate row** | [**Professional Org.Standard(s)**](#standards)**, if relevant** | [**How will each outcome be measured?**](#measured) |
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| Unchanged |  | Click Tab from here to add rows |

| B.18. [**Topical outline**](#outline)**: DO NOT INSERT WHOLE SYLLABUS, JUST A TWO-TIER TOPIC OUTLINE suitable for the contact hours requested. Proposals that ignore this request will be returned for revision.** |
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## **G. Signatures**

* **Changes that affect General Education in any way MUST be approved by ALL Deans and COGE Chair**.
* Changes that directly impact more than one department/program MUST have the signatures of all relevant department chairs, program directors, and their relevant dean (e.g. when creating/revising a program using courses from other departments/programs). Check UCC manual 4.2 for further guidelines on whether the signatures need to be approval or acknowledgement.
* Proposals that do not have appropriate approval signatures will not be considered.
* Type in name of person signing and their position/affiliation.
* Send electronic files of this proposal and accompanying catalog copy to curriculum@ric.edu to the current Chair of UCC. Check UCC website for due dates. **Do NOT convert to a .pdf.**

##### G.1. Approvals: required from programs/departments/deans who originate the proposal. THESE may include multiple departments, e.g., for joint/interdisciplinary proposals.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Jill Harrison | Program Director of Justice Studies | \*Approved by email  | 11/27/23 |
| Carse Ramos | Chair of Sociology | Carse Ramos | 11/27/23 |
| Quenby Hughes | Dean of FAS | \*Approved by email | 12/4/23 |

##### G.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge): REQUIRED from OTHER PROGRAMS/DEPARTMENTS (and their relevant deans if not already included above) that are IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSAL. SIGNATURE DOES NOT INDICATE APPROVAL, ONLY AWARENESS THAT THE PROPOSAL IS BEING SUBMITTED. CONCERNS SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE UCC COMMITTEE MEETING FOR DISCUSSION; all faculty are welcome to attend.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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