

## PROPOSED PROGRAM SUMMARY

**Institution:** University of Kentucky  
**Program Name:** Criminal Justice  
**Degree Destination:** Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Arts

**CIP Code:** 43.0100

**Credit Hours:** 120

**Implementation Date:** 1/16/2024

### **Program Description**

The proposed program will provide students with an interdisciplinary, comprehensive understanding of the multifaceted criminal justice system. The curriculum is designed to cultivate critical thinking through examining the role of social and legal systems, structures, and institutions in addressing individual and community needs and seeking equitable outcomes.

### **Connection to Other Programs**

The University of Kentucky understands that multiple criminal justice academic programs are already offered in Kentucky and seeks to partner with existing programs.

### **Student Demand**

The proposed program will be offered both online and in-person. The goal of the proposed program is to grow the student market with the online option and not to pull students from Kentucky's existing market share.

Additionally, approximately 1% of all undergraduate students at UK have already declared a minor in criminology, making it the largest minor at the institution. This degree will allow those students to pursue a degree in the field.

Initial estimates of enrollment are:

Year 1 – 38

Year 2 – 109

Year 3 – 209

Year 4 – 299

Year 5 – 355

### **Employment Demand**

The program was proposed in response to conversations with professionals from victim advocacy groups, prosecuting attorney offices, law enforcement agencies, and school resources officers, as well as recent Kentucky legislation that addresses criminal justice workforce issues. Students in the program will have the opportunity to develop critical thinking skills and a deep knowledge of the evolving criminal justice field through experiential learning opportunities. Upon graduation, students will be prepared for careers as frontline staff and administrators in public and private criminal justice settings including advocacy, probation and parole, prosecution and enforcement, correctional facilities, and court systems.

This degree also creates a foundation for advanced studies in graduate and professional education programs.

**Budget**

The program will be funded based on financial allocation models adopted by the institution. Funds generated from these allocations will be reinvested in the program. The College of Social Work has previously performed well in these allocation models, and this performance is expected to continue with the proposed program. Additional faculty will be needed for this program and will be paid for by revenue generated.

**Projected Revenue over Next Five Years (\$): \$20,785,554.00**

**Projected Expenses over Next Five Years (\$): \$8,808,359.00**