

# ASACR 8

Office of the President  
April 28, 2023

Members, Board of Trustees:

ACADEMIC DEGREE RECOMMENDATIONS:  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL WORK

Recommendation: that the Board of Trustees approve the establishment of a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Criminal Justice, within the College of Social Work beginning in the 2023 Fall Semester.

Background: The proposed degree programs in Criminal Justice will offer students a unique, comprehensive learning experience designed to adeptly prepare them for a career in criminal justice by cultivating critical thinking through examining the role of social and legal systems, structures, and institutions in addressing individual and community needs and seeking equitable outcomes. Current trends in public policies and diversion and treatment including restorative and juvenile justice are examined to prepare students for the variety of meaningful career opportunities in justice-oriented settings. These programs will be new, innovative educational experiences not currently offered at the University of Kentucky or other institutions in the state.

Providing these programs both in person and online will serve as an impetus for community engagement and collaboration in the criminal justice space, contributing to improving the lives of the most vulnerable in the state, region and nation.

The programs have the approval of the appropriate councils and the University Senate. The Provost of the university supports these recommendations. Pending approval by the Board of Trustees, the programs will begin the review process of the Council on Postsecondary Education.

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Action taken:  Approved  Disapproved  Other \_\_\_\_\_