05-06 Assessment Reports

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Mission: The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice is the preparation of students for professional and academic careers related to criminal justice. The Division of Criminal Justice fosters and encourages a learning environment inclusive of interests of race, gender, ethnicity, and class. The Division of Criminal Justice’s primary responsibility is teaching. Division faculty enhance their teaching effectiveness by engaging in scholarly and creative activity and service to the university and the greater community. The Criminal Justice Faculty acknowledges that the mission of the Division should occur within an atmosphere of collegial governance.

Outcome: Student knowledge of research methods, crime theory, justice structure and function, law, investigative process and management theory and writing skill

Description: Pre-test/post test and capstone course

Date and Time: 2004-2006, spring and fall

Result: Comparison of mean difference between pre-test and post test has shown limited change in student knowledge. We have determined that the test results support the assumption that the test is reliable.

Program_change: We instituted prerequisites for our upper division courses in an effort to sequence them to facilitate learning. We have also revised the test administration procedures.

Procedure: Re-administer the test after any revisions.

Academic_change:

Upcoming_year: Our Assessment Committee, in conjunction with and masters candidate working on thesis, is conducting an item analysis of the examination to determine if revision is necessary or if students are experiencing problems in specific sub-areas. We have already conducted a preliminary examination of the writing sample portion of the test.

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