Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Students Effected: Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.

Amendment Type: CJR Amendments

Academic Regulation: Section IV.L and X

Amendment Description:

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation section IV.L with the changes in red below.

L. MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (MARJ)

1. REQUIRED CURRICULUM

   a. A minimum of 30 credits is required for the MARJ degree.

   b. MARJ students must satisfy the following requirements:

   Required Foundational Courses  
   (one of the following) Minimum of 6 credits
   RSJ7115 Principles of Restorative Justice (3) and
   RSJ7110 Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2) or
   RSJ7120 Origins, Evolution, and Critical Issues in Restorative Justice (3)

   Writing Requirement  
   (minimum of 3 credits) (see d. below)
   POL5510 Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)
   RSJ5122/ENV5122 Communications, Advocacy and Leadership (3)
   RSJ7215 Narrative Writing Seminar (3)
   WR17301 Advanced Writing Seminar (3)
   Advocating for Change (3)
   CRI7360 Reforming Criminal Justice (3)

   Trauma Informed Education  
   (minimum of 3 credits)
   RSJ7210 Adversity, Trauma, and Victimization (3)

   Practice and Facilitation  
   (minimum of 3 credits)
   CLI9446 RJ Externship (4)
RSJ7117        RJ Facilitation (1)
RSJ7125        Motivational Interviewing (1)
RSJ7345        Teaching Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7325        Advanced Restorative Practices (2)
RSJ7110        Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2)
CLI9355        Justice Reform Clinic (4)

Core Electives  (minimum of 9 additional credits)
ADR6420        Negotiation (2)
CRI7305        Advanced Criminal Law Seminar (2)
CRI7333        Juvenile Justice and Law (3)
CRI7360        Reforming Criminal Justice (3)
CRI7380        Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability (3)
CLI9355        Justice Reform Clinic (4)
FAM7719        The State, Families, and Child Protection (3)
REQ7140        Criminal Law (3)
RSJ7140        Applied Criminal Justice (3)
RSJ7230        Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)
RSJ7250        Global Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7260        Truth and Reconciliation (3)
RSJ7311        Designing Restoria (3)
RSJ7315        Peacemaking Courts (3)
RSJ7320        New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence (3)
RSJ7330        Restorative Justice in Educational Institutions (3)
RSJ7340        Race, Crimes, and Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7342        Environmental Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7350        Ethics and Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7360        Advanced Victim Rights Seminar (3)
RSJ7371        Youth Justice Reimagined (3)
RSJ 7903        Evidence Based Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ 7230        Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)
RSJ9390        Drug Policy Reform (3)

Elective Courses  (remaining general elective courses may be chosen from the following approved courses)
ADR6415        Environmental Dispute Resolution (2)
CLI9405        Dispute Resolution Clinic (2)
CRI7313        Capital Punishment Seminar (2)
DIV7610        Race and the Law Seminar (2)
DIV7615        Sexual Orientation and the Law (2)
DIV7620        Native Americans and the Law (3)
ENV5105        Administrative Law (3)
ENV5113        Legal and Policy Writing (1)
ENV5446        Environmental Justice (2)
ENV5902        Environmental Crimes (2)
CRI7329        Criminal Procedure – Bail to Jail (2)
GPP7827        Improv for Advocates (1)
INT7424        International Human Rights (3)
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c. The Director of the Center for Justice Reform or Director’s designee has the authority to waive any of these course requirements provided the student has had comparable experience or course work. Although requirements may be waived, the total number of credits required for degree completion remains unchanged.
d. JD students who pursue a joint degree will waive out of the MARJ writing requirement upon completing Legal Research and Writing, and Legal Writing II, with a GPA of 2.66 or higher in each of these courses.
e. Any course not selected as a required course may be taken as a core elective. A student may not take both Legislation and Regulation and Legislation and Regulation Survey, and a student may not take both Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership and Advocating for Change.

Amend academic regulation section X with the changes in red below.

A. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

1. GENERAL

The Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice provides working professionals and students with the Restorative Justice skills and substantive knowledge valuable to their field.

2. REQUIREMENTS

   a. The Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice requires a minimum of nine credits and a maximum of 12 credits. The Professional Certificate course credits may be transferred to the MARJ degree program. JD students who want to pursue the Professional Certificate need to earn the certificate credits independently of and in addition to any other courses they take.

   b. A student who matriculates into the Professional Certificate program must complete the program requirements in no longer than two years from the date of matriculation. A matriculated student enrolled in the Professional Certificate program who decides to pursue the Master of Arts in Restorative Justice will have five (5) years from the date of original matriculation to complete the Master’s degree.

   c. Students pursuing the Professional Certificate may elect their courses in either a residential or online format or both from the following list of approved courses. The Director of the Center for Justice Reform or Director’s designee has the authority to waive the required course provided the student has had comparable experience or course work. Although the course requirement may be waived, the total number of credits required for certificate completion remains unchanged.
d. Any course not selected as a required course may be taken as an elective. A student may not take both Legislation and Regulation and Legislation and Regulation Survey and a student may not take Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership and Advocating for Change.

### Required Courses (Minimum 3 credits)

- **RSJ7110**  
  Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2) or

- **RSJ7115**  
  Principles of Restorative Justice (3) or

- **RSJ7120**  
  Origins, Evolution, and Critical Issues in Restorative Justice (3)

### Elective Courses

- **ADR6420**  
  Negotiation (2)

- **CRJ7305**  
  Advanced Criminal Law Seminar (2)

- **CRJ7333**  
  Juvenile Justice and Law (3)

- **CRJ7380**  
  Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability (3)

- **REQ7140**  
  Criminal Law (3)

- **REQ7185**  
  Legislation and Regulation (3) or

- **REQ7186**  
  Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)

- **RSJ5122/ENV5122**  
  Communications, Advocacy and Leadership (3)

- **RSJ7140**  
  Applied Criminal Justice (3)

- **RSJ7210**  
  Adversity, Trauma, and Victimization (3)

- **RSJ7215**  
  Narrative Writing Seminar (3)

- **RSJ7230**  
  Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)

- **RSJ7250**  
  Global Restorative Justice (3)

- **RSJ7270**  
  Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)

- **RSJ7280**  
  Drug Policy Reform (3)

- **RSJ7315**  
  Peacemaking Courts (3)

- **RSJ7320**  
  New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence (3)

- **RSJ7325**  
  Advanced Restorative Practices (2)

- **RSJ7330**  
  Restorative Justice in Educational Institutions (3)

- **RSJ7340**  
  Race, Crimes, and Restorative Justice (3)

- **RSJ7345**  
  Teaching Restorative Justice (3)

- **RSJ7350**  
  Ethics and Restorative Justice (3)

- **RSJ7360**  
  Advanced Victim Rights Seminar (3)

- **WRI7301**  
  Advanced Writing Seminar (3)

  Advocating for Change (3)

- **CRJ7360**  
  Reforming Criminal Justice (3)

- **RSJ7125**  
  Motivational Interviewing (1)

- **RSJ7110**  
  Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2)

- **RSJ7371**  
  Youth Justice Reimagined (3)

- **RSJ7903**  
  Evidence Based Restorative Justice (3)

- **RSJ7117**  
  Restorative Justice Facilitation (1)

- **RSJ7320**  
  Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)

- **CRJ7355**  
  Police Use of Force (3)

- **DIV7621**  
  Disability Civil Rights (3)
Approved by the Committee on Standards: April 1, 2024

Approved by the VLGS Faculty: April 11, 2024

Proposed effective date: students matriculating in fall semester 2024.