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LIBRARY IMPACT STATEMENT (New Course Proposal)
LIBRARIAN'S ASSESSMENT

Subject selectors will complete this form as requested, assessing library materials and collections as detailed below. Send one copy of the assessment to the faculty member who requested it. Send one copy of the assessment to the Collection Management Officer.

Course: CCJ 110X, Topics in Criminal Justice Reform

Department, College: Criminology & Criminal Justice, Arts & Sciences

Faculty Member: Natalie Pifer [and Megan Parry]

Date returned to Faculty: 3 July 2020

Librarian Completing Assessment: Karen Walton Morse

Collection Management Officer: Joanna M. Burkhardt

Assessment of:

- Suitability of existing library resources;
- New library resources required to support the program;
- Information skills education required by the students; and
- Funds needed for library materials and services.

Please include:

1. What library holdings already exist in relevant subject categories. How much money is now allocated in the subject area?

The Library actively purchases new publications related to the course topic (criminal justice reform). It has substantial holdings in the areas of criminology, criminal justice, sociology, and general social science, including access to hundreds of relevant journals.

The 2019-2020 allocation for monographs for Sociology & Anthropology (including Criminology & Criminal Justice) was approximately \$8000 (steady from 2018-2019 and up from \$7800 in 2017-2018). Normally, we would expect the allocation for 2020-2021 to be similar, however the budgetary impact of the Covid-19 pandemic is unclear. The cost of journal subscriptions is not broken out by department.

2. Does URI have the essential journals as noted in the Faculty Questionnaire?

The Faculty Questionnaire does not list any essential journals.

However, the Library subscribes to the major journals in criminology, criminal justice, and related fields including *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, and *Justice Quarterly*.

3. What new resources are required to support the course (including media, electronic, or other non-print materials)?

No new library resources are required to support this course.

4. What information mastery sessions will be required for the students?

No information mastery sessions are required for students in this course.

Should the instructors want to incorporate a video on research techniques and/or database use into the asynchronous course, arrangements can be made through the Public Services Department. Currently Mary MacDonald (Assoc. Professor, Information Literacy Librarian) oversees the instruction program.

5. What is the approximate cost to acquire the materials necessary? Which of these will be continuing costs?

The Library should be able to support this course without any extraordinary expenditure on materials.