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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 400, Advanced Topics in Criminology & Criminal Justice

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

Faculty Member: Jill K. Doerner

Date returned to Faculty: 31 January 2019

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 criminology, criminal justice, and related topics. It also has substantial holdings in the areas of sociology and general social science, including access to hundreds of relevant journals.

The 2018-2019 allocation for monographs for Sociology & Anthropology (including Criminology & Criminal Justice) is approximately \$8000 (up from \$7800 in 2017-2018). We expect the allocation for 2019-2020 to be similar. The cost of journal subscriptions is not broken out by department.

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

As noted in the Faculty Questionnaire, the Library subscribes to the major journals in criminology, criminal justice, and related fields including *Adolescence*, *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, and *Justice Quarterly*. These should be sufficient to the needs of this course.

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

It is impossible to say whether new resources will be required to support the course over time because it is a shell. However, the Library has been collecting broadly in criminology and criminal justice since the program was formalized and will continue to do so. The monograph budget is such that the Library should be able to address the need for more resources on specific topics if given sufficient notice.

The sample syllabus for the course (Topic: Peer Influence on Deviance and Conformity) lists two required texts, one of which is currently on-order.

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

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

Should the instructor want to bring the class to the Library for instruction on research techniques and/or database use, arrangements can be made through the Public Services Department. Currently Mary MacDonald (Assoc. Professor, Information Literacy Librarian) oversees the instruction program.

Students writing major papers like the case study in the sample syllabus may occasionally need to seek help from the reference department of the library.

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.