



August 23, 2017

Dr. Ray Keck  
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Dear Dr. Keck:

Thank you for your letter of February 16, 2017, providing notification that the University will offer a hybrid competency-based Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice program, effective fall 2018.

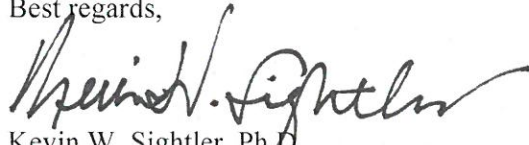
The program delivery will not be a significant departure from the delivery of the existing Bachelor of Applied Arts and Sciences in Organizational Leadership degree program which is a hybrid competency-based degree program. Notification of that program was accepted in our letter dated December 19, 2013. General education and other lower-division coursework will be offered online as competency-based modules, while upper division coursework will be offered online in a traditional cohort format. The 120 semester credit hour program consists of 42 credit hours of general education courses, 48 credit hours of professional development electives, and 30 credit hours of applied major courses.

The B.S. in Criminal Justice hybrid competency-based program is not a significant departure in content from approved programs currently offered at the University. The target audience for the program will be certified first responders, military personnel, and adult learners with criminal justice employment experience. Competencies and learning outcomes are tied to specific courses for lower division courses. Instruction in the upper division courses will be delivered as in most online degree programs but students will be able to accelerate during the seven-week terms. Competencies and learning objectives were developed for and mapped back to all courses in the program. An academic coach monitors and guides the student over the course of his or her pursuit of the degree. Students must complete two courses each seven-week term.

As with the B.A.A.S. in Organizational Leadership, the B.S. in Criminal Justice program appears to fit into traditional learning models that measure progress in credit hours and does not include a direct assessment component.

**We accept notification of the offering of the B.S. in Criminal Justice hybrid competency-based degree program.**

Best regards,



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Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Shonda Gibson, Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness and IALO  
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