**Potter College of Arts & Letters**

**Western Kentucky University**

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**REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

Date: March 28, 2013

The Potter College of Arts & Letters submits the following items for consideration:

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| **Type of Item** | **Description of Item & Contact Information** |
| Information | **Proposal to Change Course Prefix** SOCL 231/232/233/330/332/361/380/432/434/437/438/439/446/451Contact: Douglas Smith, douglas.smith@wku.edu, 5-3750 |

**Proposal date: February 19, 2013**

**Memorandum**

**Proposal to Change Course Prefix (Sociology)**

**(Information Item)**

**TO:** Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

**FROM:** Sponsoring Unit: Potter College of Arts and Letters

 Department: Sociology

 Contact Person’s Name: Douglas Smith

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**CHANGE:** Current Course Prefix: SOCL

 Proposed Course Prefix: CRIM

**COURSE NUMBERS TO BE INCLUDED UNDER THE NEW COURSE**

**PREFIX (SUBJECT AREA):**

231, 232, 233, 330, 332, 361, 380, 432, 434, 437, 438, 439, 446, 451

**RATIONALE:**

The department of sociology is creating a new major in criminology. As a result, existing courses with a central subject matter in criminology will utilize the new CRIM prefix to better distinguish them from sociology courses using the SOCL prefix. In addition, this change to the course prefix will allow students graduating from the criminology degree program to provide an academic transcript that clearly reflects coursework in their field of study.

**DATE OF IMPLEMENTATION: Fall 2014**

**Attachment: Course Inventory Form**