

### Program Proposal Form

**NEW PROGRAM:** Refer to the requirement checklist found in Appendix D.

**CHANGE** or  **DELETION,** attach a statement of justification to this form.

**For Change / Deletion Proposals:**

**Indicate type of change(s) - Check all that apply:**  
 Title  Number  Prerequisite(s)  Credit Hours  Description  Deletion  Other

**Please provide a *brief* description of the proposed change or deletion:**  
 Add to Con Law Program. PFT-100 Physically Fit for Duty (work) to be offered the First Semester in both Conservation Law and Adventure Recreation and Tourism Programs. CMJ-224 Basic Search and Rescue to be offered 3rd Semester in Conservation Law Program. PHI116 Criminal Justice Ethics in place of PHI-114 Environmental Ethics. Allow either CMJ-297 Criminal Justice Internship or / General Elective

**For New Program Proposals:**

**Proposed Program Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Department:** \_\_\_\_\_

Certificate  Associate of Arts  Associate of Science  Associate of Applied Science

**Total Credit Hours:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Prerequisites:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Associated Fees:** \_\_\_\_\_

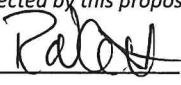
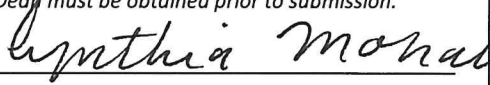
**Associated Library/AV materials:** \_\_\_\_\_


**Program(s) affected:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please use rationale, format and responses that are consistent with college and MCCS policies. Course fees require a documented and itemized list of expenses per student and will require an application to the MCCS Board for approval. When appropriate attach current catalogue listing.*

**Department Chairs and Academic Dean Signatures and Chair Initials**

*Signatures of department heads affected by this proposal and the Academic Dean must be obtained prior to submission. Signatures denote consultation only.*

**Submitted by:** Wayde Carter  \_\_\_\_\_  \_\_\_\_\_

**Academic Dean:**  \_\_\_\_\_ **A.C.C. Chair Initials & Date:** RMC 1/15/2020

**Academic and Committee Chair Signature**

*Signature of the Chair denotes that the proposal has been approved by the ACC.*

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**Academic & Curriculum Committee Chair**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

**Final Approval Signature**

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**WCCC President**

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**Date**



**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
CALAIS, MAINE**

**Criminal Justice and Conservation Law Program  
Justification for Change**

The Criminal Justice career path is forever changing and to keep current and educate our students to a standard that is competitive with other educational institutions it is necessary to make changes as we move forward. The following changes are to prepare our students to meet the minimum standards to enter the Maine Criminal Justice Academy which is a mandatory process if you are to be hired as a Law Enforcement officer in the State of Maine.

Physical Fitness is one of the major factors that prevents people from being able to be hired as a law enforcement officer. The Maine Criminal Justice Academy mandates that anyone attending have minimum rating of 40<sup>th</sup> percentile on the physical fitness test just to enter the academy. They must reach the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in order to graduate the program. MCJA frequently reports that on an average test day they turn away an average of 30 percent of the applicants. I made changes in the first semester of the program to ensure students are aware and can be working towards that level of fitness for two years.

Ethical decision making prior to becoming a law enforcement officer as well as after being hired is one of the major factors in discipline and termination. Law Enforcement Officers are held to a higher standard both on and off duty. Ethical decision making is something that can be reinforced with education and training. Criminal Justice Ethics, although similar to regular Ethics courses, is vastly different in many ways. Many of the other colleges and universities have changed over to this specific type of class for these programs.

Search and Rescue is mandated in Maine Revised Statute Title 12 Section 10105 -4 as being the responsibilities of the Maine Warden Service. It is important that students who are choosing a career path in any emergency first responder position have a basic knowledge of Search and Rescue. To be competitive with other educational institutions we need to offer this to our students.

Adding the Wildlife First Responder Bridge for our Conservation Law students makes them more competitive in the hiring field. Many of our rural law enforcement positions require officers to provide basic medical care to victims until EMS arrives which may take precious time. Having this training is important to both the agency and the public the agency serves.

**Criminal Justice  
Conservation Law Option**  
*Associate in Applied Science – 64 credit hours*

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>		
ADV105	Introduction to Sea Kayaking	1
ADV111	Wilderness Expedition Skills I	4
CMJ102	Introduction to Conservation Law Enforcement	3
PFT100	Physically Fit for Duty (work)	1
ADV	The Maine Environment I	1.5
FYE100	First Year Experience	1
CMJ122	Criminal Law and Report Writing I	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
ADV121	Wilderness Expedition Skills II	4
ADV115	Outdoor Leadership	3
ENG101	English Composition	3
CMJ212	Criminal Investigation and Report Writing II	3
ADV	The Maine Environment II	1.5
EMS114	Wilderness Advanced First Aid	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
ENV135	Wildlife, Fisheries, and Forestry Management	3
MAT106	College Mathematics for Technologies	3
CMJ245	Criminology	3
CMJ250	Criminalistics	3
CMJ103	Criminal Justice Ethics	3
CMJ224	Basic Search and Rescue	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
CMJ201	Civil Liberties	3
HIS115	History of Maine	3
Elective	General Elective	3
COM200	Principles of Interpretation	3
BIO120	General Biology	4
EMS116	Wilderness First Responder Bridge	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17.5</b>

Current

**Criminal Justice  
Conservation Law Option**  
*Associate in Applied Science – 63.5 credit hours*

<b>Course #</b>	<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
<b>Semester 1</b>		
ADV105	Introduction to Sea Kayaking	1
ADV111	Wilderness Expedition Skills I	4
CMJ102	Introduction to Conservation Law Enforcement	3
ADV130	Map and Compass	1
ADV131	Nautical Navigation	1
ADV132	GPS and Electronic Navigation	1
ADV140	The Maine Environment	3
FYE100	First Year Experience	1
CMJ122	Criminal Law and Report Writing I	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
ADV121	Wilderness Expedition Skills II	4
ADV115	Outdoor Leadership	3
ENG101	English Composition	3
CMJ212	Criminal Investigation and Report Writing II	3
EMS114	Wilderness Advanced First Aid	1.5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>14.5</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
ENV135	Wildlife, Fisheries, and Forestry Management	3
MAT106	College Mathematics for Technologies	3
CMJ245	Criminology	3
CMJ250	Criminalistics	3
PHI114	Environmental Ethics	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
CMJ201	Civil Liberties	3
HIS115	History of Maine	3
CMJ297	Criminal Justice Internship	3
COM200	Principles of Interpretation	3
BIO120	General Biology	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>