Notice of VLGS Amendment to the Academic Regulations

Effective: **Thursday, April 11, 2024**

Students Effected: **Effective immediately upon approval by faculty.**

Amendment Type: **CJR Amendments**

Academic Regulation: **Section IV.L and X**

Amendment Description:

NEW LANGUAGE

Amend academic regulation section IV.L with the changes in red below.

L. **MASTER OF ARTS IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE (MARJ)**

1. **REQUIRED CURRICULUM**

a. A minimum of 30 credits is required for the MARJ degree.

b. MARJ students must satisfy the following requirements:

Required Foundational Courses	~~***(one of the following)***~~**Minimum of 6 credits**
RSJ7115	Principles of Restorative Justice (3) and
~~RSJ7110~~	~~Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2) or~~
RSJ7120	Origins, Evolution, and Critical Issues in Restorative Justice (3)
Writing Requirement	***(minimum of 3 credits) (see d. below)***
POL5510	Introduction to Policy Research and Writing (3)
RSJ5122/ENV5122	Communications, Advocacy and Leadership (3)
RSJ7215	Narrative Writing Seminar (3)
WRI7301	Advanced Writing Seminar (3)
	Advocating for Change (3)
CRI7360	Reforming Criminal Justice (3)
Trauma Informed Education	***(minimum of 3 credits)***
RSJ7210	Adversity, Trauma, and Victimization (3)
Practice and Facilitation	***(minimum of 3 credits)***
CLI9446	RJ Externship (4)

RSJ7117	RJ Facilitation (1)
RSJ7125	Motivational Interviewing (1)
RSJ7345	Teaching Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7325	Advanced Restorative Practices (2)
RSJ7110	Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2)
CLI9355	Justice Reform Clinic (4)
Core Electives	***(minimum of 9 additional credits)***
ADR6420	Negotiation (2)
CRI7305	Advanced Criminal Law Seminar (2)
CRI7333	Juvenile Justice and Law (3)
~~CRI7360~~	~~Reforming Criminal Justice (3)~~
CRI7380	Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability (3)
~~CLI9355~~	~~Justice Reform Clinic (4)~~
FAM7719	The State, Families, and Child Protection (3)
REQ7140	Criminal Law (3)
RSJ7140	Applied Criminal Justice (3)
RSJ7230	Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)
RSJ7250	Global Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7260	Truth and Reconciliation (3)
RSJ7311	Designing Restoria (3)
RSJ7315	Peacemaking Courts (3)
RSJ7320	New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence (3)
RSJ7330	Restorative Justice in Educational Institutions (3)
RSJ7340	Race, Crimes, and Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7342	Environmental Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7350	Ethics and Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7360	Advanced Victim Rights Seminar (3)
RSJ7371	Youth Justice Reimagined (3)
RSJ 7903	Evidence Based Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ 7230	Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)
RSJ7930	Drug Policy Reform (3)
Elective Courses	***(remaining general elective courses may be chosen from the following approved courses)***
ADR6415	Environmental Dispute Resolution (2)
CLI9405	Dispute Resolution Clinic (2)
CRI7313	Capital Punishment Seminar (2)
DIV7610	Race and the Law Seminar (2)
DIV7615	Sexual Orientation and the Law (2)
DIV7620	Native Americans and the Law (3)
ENV5105	Administrative Law (3)
ENV5113	Legal and Policy Writing (1)
ENV5446	Environmental Justice (2)
ENV5902	Environmental Crimes (2)
CRI7329	Criminal Procedure – Bail to Jail (2)
GPP7827	Improv for Advocates (1)
INT7424	International Human Rights (3)

JUR7350	Women and the Law Seminar (2)
REQ7188~~5~~	Legislation and Regulation (2~~3~~)
REQ7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)
WRI7900	Independent Research Project (3)
CRI7355	Police Use of Force (3)
DIV7621	Disability Civil Rights (3)

c. The Director of the Center for Justice Reform or Director's designee has the authority to waive any of these course requirements provided the student has had comparable experience or course work. Although requirements may be waived, the total number of credits required for degree completion remains unchanged.
d. JD students who pursue a joint degree will waive out of the MARJ writing requirement upon completing Legal Research and Writing, and Legal Writing II, with a GPA of 2.66 or higher in each of these courses.
e. Any course not selected as a required course may be taken as a core elective. A student may not take both Legislation and Regulation and Legislation and Regulation Survey, and a student may not take both Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership and Advocating for Change.

Amend academic regulation section X with the changes in red below.

A. PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

1. GENERAL

The Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice provides working professionals and students with the Restorative Justice skills and substantive knowledge valuable to their field.

2. REQUIREMENTS

a. The Professional Certificate in Restorative Justice requires a minimum of nine credits and a maximum of 12 credits. The Professional Certificate course credits may be transferred to the MARJ degree program. JD students who want to pursue the Professional Certificate need to earn the certificate credits independently of and in addition to any other courses they take.

b. A student who matriculates into the Professional Certificate program must complete the program requirements in no longer than two years from the date of matriculation. A matriculated student enrolled in the Professional Certificate program who decides to pursue the Master of Arts in Restorative Justice will have five (5) years from the date of original matriculation to complete the Master's degree.

c. Students pursuing the Professional Certificate may elect their courses in either a residential or online format or both from the following list of approved courses. The Director of the Center for Justice Reform or Director's designee has the authority to waive the required course provided the student has had comparable experience or course work. Although the course requirement may be waived, the total number of credits required for certificate completion remains unchanged.

d. Any course not selected as a required course may be taken as an elective. A student may not take both Legislation and Regulation and Legislation and Regulation Survey and a student may not take Communications, Advocacy, and Leadership and Advocating for Change.

Required Course~~s~~	**(Minimum 3 credits)**
~~RSJ7110~~	~~Restorative Justice Theory and Practice (2) or~~
RSJ7115	Principles of Restorative Justice (3) or
RSJ7120	Origins, Evolution, and Critical Issues in Restorative Justice (3)
Elective Courses	
ADR6420	Negotiation (2)
CRI7305	Advanced Criminal Law Seminar (2)
CRI7333	Juvenile Justice and Law (3)
CRI7380	Pleas, Sentencing and Accountability (3)
REQ7140	Criminal Law (3)
REQ7185	Legislation and Regulation (3) or
REQ7186	Legislation and Regulation Survey (3)
RSJ5122/ENV5122	Communications, Advocacy and Leadership (3)
RSJ7140	Applied Criminal Justice (3)
RSJ7210	Adversity, Trauma, and Victimization (3)
RSJ7215	Narrative Writing Seminar (3)
RSJ7230	Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)
RSJ7250	Global Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7270	Clemency, Pardon, and Expungement (3)
RSJ7280	Drug Policy Reform (3)
RSJ7315	Peacemaking Courts (3)
RSJ7320	New Approaches to Domestic and Sexual Violence (3)
RSJ7325	Advanced Restorative Practices (2)
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RSJ7345	Teaching Restorative Justice (3)
RSJ7350	Ethics and Restorative Justice (3)
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RSJ7371	Youth Justice Reimagined (3)
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RSJ7117	Restorative Justice Facilitation (1)
RSJ7320	Restorative Justice in Indigenous Communities (3)
CRI7355	Police Use of Force (3)
DIV7621	Disability Civil Rights (3)

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Proposed effective date: students matriculating in fall semester 2024.