

**STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
November 5, 2014**

**SUBJECT:** Ph.D. in International Crime and Justice (CIP 43.0104) at the Florida International University

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

Consider for approval the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in International Crime and Justice at the Florida International University, CIP 43.0104.

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution; Board of Governors Regulation 8.011

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Florida International University (FIU) is proposing to offer a Ph.D. degree program in International Crime and Justice. The program will be offered at its main campus. According to the proposal, this program will prepare graduates to assume leadership roles in public criminal justice agencies, academia and private sector criminal justice companies in the US and around the world. The proposed Ph.D. in International Crime and Justice will enhance FIU's ability to be the first in the country to offer a program with an international focus as well as to be the first minority-classified institution to offer a PhD in Criminal Justice.

The total number of credit hours required for completion of the proposed program is 81 at the graduate level with the possibility of students' transferring up to 36 credits hours from a master's degree into the program contingent on the approval of the graduate program director. The 81 credit hours include 36 credits of required courses, 9 credits of international crime and justice electives, 6 credits of general electives, and 30 credits of comprehensive exam and dissertation. Letters of support have been provided by University of Florida, Florida State University, University of Central Florida, and University of South Florida because each has a somewhat similar program.

The FIU Board of Trustees approved the program on June 12, 2014. If approved by the Board of Governors, FIU will implement the program in fall 2015.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** 1. Staff Analysis  
2. Program Proposal available online at [www.flbog.edu](http://www.flbog.edu)

**Facilitators/Presenters:** FIU Representatives