ACADEMIC ALERT #2009-13

DATE: **June, 2009**

DECISION: **College of Arts and Sciences (CAS)**

New Minor in Criminal Justice; currently this minor is only approved for students in the Applied Behavioral Sciences (ABS) program.

Rationale
This minor was developed for undergraduate students in accelerated programs, who have completed the major, but need several additional electives and/or several required general education courses in the life science and quantitative studies area to complete the 180 QH for the degree. NLU enrollment representatives indicate there is strong demand by prospective students for a criminal justice coursework, and the U.S. Department of Labor forecasts job growth of up to 35 percent in several criminal justice careers.

Senate Academic Planning Committee Approval: May 21, 2009

Program Authorizations: The Minor in Criminal Justice is only available in Illinois. In Illinois, degree Minors do not require authorization.

IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Effective Fall Term, 2009

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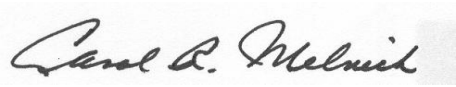

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Minor in Criminal Justice

Course Code	Course Title	QH
LAS421	Criminology (*New Course)*	5
LAS422	Criminal Justice System (*New Course)*	5
LAS423	Criminal Law & Procedure (*New Course)*	5
LAS424	Punishment, Prisons and Corrections (*New Course)*	5
LAN235	Introduction to Forensic Science (*New Course)*	5
LAM115	Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice (*New Course)*	5

There are several possible options and sequences by which the minor can be delivered. Two possible options are listed below:

Option 1
The sequence of six courses would be taken one at a time in six-week blocks with two courses being taken in a standard term. For example:

Fall Term
1st half LAS421 Criminology
2nd half LAS422 Criminal Justice System

Winter Term
1st half LAS423 Criminal Law and Procedure
2nd half LAS424 Punishment, Prisons and Corrections

Spring Term
1st half LAM115 Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice
2nd half LAN235 Introduction to Forensic Science

Option 2
The sequence of the six courses would be taken two at a time over two terms.

Fall Term
1st half LAS421 Criminology; and LAS422 Criminal Justice System
2nd half LAS423 Criminal Law and Procedure; and LAS424 Punishment, Prisons and Corrections

Winter Term
1st half LAM115 Quantitative Methods in Criminal Justice
2nd half LAN235 Introduction to Forensic Science

Implementation
Changes need to be entered into CAPP and Banner.

The Office of Admission and Records (OAR), the Undergraduate Academic Advising Center (UAAC), and staff in Enrollment, Recruitment, and Marketing, need to be knowledgeable about this minor.

The new catalog copy will be written and submitted to the Vice Provost and Assistant Registrar for Schedules and Catalogs to ensure that catalog copy is prepared and ready for the next catalog, 2010-2011.