Notice of Intent

Institution: Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Type of NOI: Degree Granting Authority

Degree Title: Doctoral degree in Criminology & Criminal Justice

Level of Proposed Unit:

- [ ] 1-2 Year Certificate
- [ ] Associate
- [ ] 2-4 Year Certificate
- [x] Bachelor
- [ ] Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- [ ] Master’s
- [ ] Post Master’s Certificate
- [ ] Doctoral
- [ ] First Professional
- [ ] First Professional Certificate

Region:

- [ ] North Suburban
- [ ] Fox Valley
- [ ] West Suburban
- [ ] Western
- [ ] Central
- [ ] South Metro
- [ ] Prairie
- [ ] Southwestern
- [x] Southern
- [ ] Chicago

Zip Code of Proposed Location: 62901

Requested Cip Code: 45.04

Proposed Date for Enrollment of First Class: Fall 2011

Description of Program Objectives: Provide rigorous doctoral training in Criminology and Criminal Justice to excellent students who will pursue careers in research, teaching, and policy administration.

Description of Target Demographics: The proposed program will initially draw from students in the undergraduate and master degree programs of Criminology and Criminal Justice. We will also recruit students from other social science undergraduate majors at SIU and other universities in the region. As the program becomes more established, it will become easier to recruit students on a competitive basis nationwide. One area of strength in our faculty is race, gender, crime and criminal justice so we also hope to provide an attractive program for minority students who are interested in advanced degrees. Nearly one-quarter of the students in the CCJ undergraduate major are African Americans, so we will begin by trying to recruit many of them.
Description of Delivery Modes: Courses in the doctoral program will be delivered via traditional seminars on campus. The Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice is participating in discussions to advance on-line delivery of a master’s program. In the event that this on-line program becomes a reality, then many of the courses would be available for students in the doctoral program too and they might reasonably complete a year of distance learning coursework.

Projected Enrollments: The proposal calls for five majors during year one, generating 38 annual credit hours in existing courses. This doubles in year two, with gradual increases in each of the next four years. We expect our initial four degrees to be awarded in years three and four to students who began the doctoral program already having a master’s degree in hand. By year five, we anticipate having 24 majors, 384 annual credit hours, and five degrees awarded.