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Dear Prospective Criminal Justice Majors,

Thank you for looking into the major in Criminal Justice at Clayton State University.

Over the past year, the Criminal Justice faculty has worked to revise the program requirements for our Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice. We are confident that the outcome of this effort will better serve the 21st century educational and professional needs of our graduates.

These changes apply immediately to all new Spring 2011 students seeking to major in Criminal Justice, and to any continuing Clayton State students who submit a change of major request after December 1, 2010. These changes do not affect any of our current Criminal Justice majors; your major degree requirements have not been changed.

Prospective majors, please pay close attention to the following summary of changes to the Criminal Justice degree program at Clayton State University.

- **Criminal Justice majors must select one of the following *area concentration* or complete new requirements for a *generalist pathway*.** Each concentration requires that students focus their criminal justice studies by completing a minimum of 18 upper-division units in one of the aforementioned concentration areas. Students who choose to pursue the generalist pathway must complete a minimum of 6 upper-division units from each of the three concentration areas. No “double counting” (applying one course to two or more concentration areas) will be permitted. The area concentrations are:
 - Administration of Justice (AJ)
 - Criminology, Law & Society (CLS)
 - Homeland Security & Emergency Management (HSEM)
- **Students majoring in Criminal Justice will now be required to achieve 3rd semester competence in Spanish, or in another pre-approved foreign language.**
- **A minimum CSU GPA of 2.2 will now be required for students wishing to change their major to Criminal Justice from any other Clayton State University major area of study.** This requirement will have no bearing on first semester freshmen or first semester transfer students seeking to declare a major in Criminal Justice.

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