



TO: President Eric J. Barron

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SUBJECT: Proposed Masters of Science in Computer Criminology
Request for Implementation

The growing need for information technology specialists to address issues related to information crime, cyberforensics, and computer/network security has surpassed the availability of computer science graduates and information technology experts. To complement a successful undergraduate program, the Department of Computer Science in College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice have collaborated to develop a unique interdisciplinary Masters of Science in Computer Criminology degree program that will combine technical computer science skills along with a broader understanding of criminal behavior and computer security issues.

Graduates will have fulfilled a National Security Agency (NSA) approved certificate program which qualifies them for employment with a federal governmental agency or a private governmental contractor after graduation. This program is consistent with the SUS Strategic Plan to meet statewide professional and workforce goals.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) and the Department of Defense (DoD) Scholarship for Service grant monies have been secured to fund students in the program. This program will be taught on campus. To the best of our knowledge, there are no similar degree programs in Florida public or private universities and colleges. No new faculty or staff positions are necessary, because the program draws upon existing faculty resources in the two cooperating colleges.