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DOWNTOWN FRESNO CRIMINOLOGY GRADUATE PROGRAM

Dr. Schweizer, the coordinator of the offcampus criminology B.S. degree program, is currently working to revive the off-campus master's degree program that was cancelled three years ago due to a lack of sufficient applicants.

If there are at least 25 qualified applicants who are committed to completing the "cohort" program, the first class will most likely begin in August, 2008. Students must take all courses in the order in which they are taught, unless they have previously taken any of the required graduate courses with a grade of B or better

The program will only be offered to government employees (at any level or any jurisdiction) and classes will be held either at the Fresno Police Department Annex, facilities of the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, or at both locations. Some of the courses in the program will be taught by political science faculty specializing in public administration, and will include a course on budgeting and another on the legislative process and its impact on criminal justice agencies.

The program, as envisioned, will take no more than 20 months to complete, with one... continued on page 2

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The Global Minute



Philippine security forces have apprehended Aramil Sulayman, an Islamist militant thought to have been involved in the decapitation of 10 Philippine marines last year.

Spanish police captured 14 Islamist militants who were suspected of planning a major attack in the city of Barcelona.







The U.S. government is concerned about a dangerous link between South American drug traffickers and Islamic extremists. Dr. Schweizer's travels and research has shown the tri-country border area between Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina to be a prime region for both groups to form alliances. Iran also exerts significant influence in the area.

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Downtown graduate program continued..... class offered every other weekend for two months. (Friday evening and all day Saturday)

Graduate faculty will work with students who have unexpected job related assignments which preclude perfect attendance, similar to the manner in which the downtown bachelor's degree program has functioned. Admission requirements are the same as for on-campus students, but due to the nature of the expected student body, consideration may be given for less than optimum GPAs, if the grades were earned long ago and students hold responsible positions within government. Applicants holding bachelor degrees older than 5 years will also be considered, based on such factors as their current employment responsibilities, and/or other relevant information which would indicate an ability to function in a challenging graduate Evidence of superior writing program. ability is a plus.

All applicants to university graduate programs must take the GRE (Graduate Record Examination) prior to graduate admission. Applicants who have not been able to sign up for the exam before the beginning of the first downtown graduate class, will be mentored through the GRE test application process and must take the exam during their first six units of graduate study.

The cost of each graduate course unit is anticipated to be around \$290, with a three unit course costing \$870. The program consists of 30/33 units of instruction (total approximate cost, not counting books and related materials is \$8,700/\$9,570.

The start of the program is contingent on the approval and review by the criminology dept graduate coordinator, the department chair, the college dean, and CSU Fresno Global and Extended Education. Meetings are currently being scheduled to expedite the process.

If you hold a four year degree, are employed by any government entity, and are interested in earning at Masters degree in criminology in a downtown Fresno graduate program, beginning in August 2008, you should email Dr. Schweizer at: haralds@csufresno.edu and indicate:

- 1. Your full name
- 2. Agency employed by
- 3. Type of four year degree held and major
- 4. If you do not yet have a four year degree, provide a completion date for the degree.
- 5. GPA for the last sixty units of college
- 6. Telephone contact number.

Official admission requirements are at: http://www.csufresno.edu/criminology/degrees-programs/masters.shtml

If you are interested in graduate education regardless of the program, you should make an appointment to take the GRE general exam at the CSU Fresno Testing Center. More info is available at:

http://www.csufresno.edu/testing/testinfo/toefl.shtml

You can review general information about the exam itself at: http://www.gre.org/

OTHER CRIMINOLOGY DEPT. NEWS

Dr. John Dussich spent the winter break preparing for an upcoming symposium dedicated to facilitating the adoption of a proposed United Nations Convention on behalf of victims of crime and abuse of power across the globe. The convention will be considered at the 2010 UN Congress on Crime in Brazil. He also evaluated the first third of a JICA victimology and victim assistance 30-day course funded by the Japanese government for 10 civil servants from underdeveloped countries. Two more cycles will be conducted in Mito this year and next year. Dr. Dussich is also preparing for the 2009 World Society of Victimology's **International Symposium** Victimology to be hosted by Tokiwa University in Japan.

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CRIMINOLOGY STUDY TOUR IN ARGENTINA

Dr. Ruth Masters and Dr. Barbara Owen led a group of 2 former prison wardens, a prison psychiatrist, correctional officers, law enforcement officers, an attorney, a private investigator, criminal justice professors and CSU students on a study tour to Argentina over the winter break.



Dr. Ruth Masters

The group visited a major federal prison, an Argentinean mother-baby facility, conferred with a noted civil rights attorney, and some group members met with law enforcement officials and toured a law enforcement agency there. The group was accompanied by officials of the United States Embassy in Argentina.



In Front of a Federal Penitentiary



Prison facilities



Dr. B. Owen and Dr. R. Masters are currently planning an Administration of Justice Extended Education Program in Bangkok, Thailand for January 2009. You contact **Masters** can Dr. (ruthm@csufresno.edu) or Dr. Owen (barbarao@csufresno.edu) for more information.



Dr. Barbara Owen

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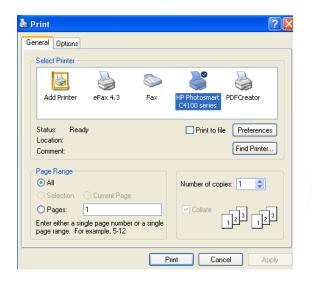


Have you ever wondered if your Internet upload and download speed is what your ISP says it is? You can check your upload and download speed at: http://www.speedtest.net/ On the website click on the San Jose Icon.

Did you ever see a webpage and wanted to save the entire page including the parts you have to scroll to see? If you save them with the Microsoft Save option in Internet Explorer, you end up with a document with multiple files for every icon, picture, logo, etc., which makes the page difficult to store and transfer. The way around this problem is to right-click in the center of the page you want to save and to select the PRINT option.



You then click on the button next to the window listing your printer and in the new window select PDF creator as the printer. This will then convert your document to a PDF file that you can simply save and/or move around on your computer as ONE document



What you need, of course, is PDF software. You can download it for free at:

http://sourceforge.net/projects/pdfcreator When you save the webpage, the pdf document will automatically list the web address it was printed from at the top of the page.

RECORDING INTERNET VIDEO

If you want to record video from the web and save it on your computer, you can do so with Applian Technologies software. Whether it is a video news blip from the Hong Kong Police website, or a 60 minute TV program on an Internet TV station around the world, you can save the audio/ video with recording software at: http://www.wmrecorder.com/

You can obtain the web address for 2673 Internet TV stations worldwide http://wwitv.com/portal.htm

If you try it and have difficulty receiving a continues video stream, you might check your ISP download speed with the speed test mentioned earlier to ensure it matches or exceeds the speed of the streaming video.

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Spotlight Japan



Part VII of seven articles on Criminal Justice related Issues in Japan.

The concern for alcohol abuse or over consumption by youth in Japan is not as pronounced as in the United States. An obvious sign of a different cultural perspective as it relates to the consumption of alcohol can be seen by BEER vending machines on the sidewalks of cities and towns.



Vending machines also are a bit more advanced than here in the United States. Major cell phone companies offer cell phone models that are connected to a credit or bank account and subscribers simply wave their cell phone in front of a special detector on many vending machines to pay for their purchase. Cell phones can also be used in the same manner to pay for a variety of products at convenience and grocery stores and this form of rendering payment even extends to some low fare airline tickets.



Above a vending machine accepting cell phone activated payment. The sensor is located within the blue logo under the product selection.



DOWNTOWN CRIMINOLOGY B.S.

Two new upper division criminology courses are scheduled to begin in February 08. *Crim 113 Forensic Science* taught by Ms. Deliah Heredia on the following Mondays: February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and on Saturday February 2 and March 1.

Crim 174 Ethnic and Gender Issues taught by Ms. Marilyn Herzog on the following Wednesdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19, 26, and on Saturday February 16 and March 15. Registration forms and additional information is at:

http://zimmer.csufresno.edu/~haralds/downtowndegreeoverview.htm

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The justice process begins with police!