TRANSMITTAL for UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS: Changes or Proposals

INFORMATION

1. Program title: Psychology Major/Psychology Minor
2. Department(s): Psychology
3. College(s): College Of Arts And Sciences
4. Proposal prepared by: Cyndi Kernahan Date: 12/3/2012

5. Check all that apply:

☐ New program  ☐ Existing program
☐ Change in course name  ☐ Change in number of credits
☒ Change in Major  ☒ Change in Minor
☐ Change in course content  ☐ Change in Emphasis/Option

6. Other Programs/Departments Consulted (Requires letters of support from all Departments or Programs substantially affected):

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7. Date of Implementation: Fall Semester 2013 Year

8. Have all courses in this program been approved? Yes ☒ No ☐
   If “No,” which ones? Psyc 450

9. Attach Request Narrative. (Include description of program before and after proposed changes).

UNIT APPROVALS: Requires signatures of all Departments Chairs and Deans whose programs will be affected by the changes or proposal. Signature lines for the affected Departments and Colleges (Noted in 6 above), are on the back of this form. These signatures should be obtained prior to review by all other shared governance levels.

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NOTE: The master copy of this transmittal and accompanying documents must be filed in the Provost’s office upon final approval. The Provost’s office will notify all appropriate administrative offices [Registrar, Dean(s), and Department Chair(s)] of approvals and necessary actions to implement changes.

Rev. 11/08
Description and Narrative for Program Changes
Psychology Major and Minor

Current Psychology Major: 36 Total Credits

General Education Requirements
PSYC 101 General Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics 3 cr.

Required Courses: 6 cr. hrs.
PSYC 205 Research Methods 3 cr.
PSYC 401 History and Systems of Psychology 3 cr.

Required Area Options: 21 cr. hrs.
Psychological Methods: 3 cr. hrs.
PSYC 275 Advanced Research Methods 3 cr.
or PSYC 315 Psychological Measurement and Evaluation 3 cr.

Psychological Development: 3 cr. hrs.
PSYC 236 Developmental Psychology: Childhood and Adolescence 3 cr.
or PSYC 336 Developmental Psychology: Adulthood and Aging 3 cr.

Learning and Cognition: 3 cr. hrs.
PSYC 305 Learning and Motivation 3 cr.
or PSYC 310 Memory and Thinking 3 cr.

Individual Differences: 6 cr. hrs. (choose 2 of 3)
PSYC 265 Social Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 320 Psychology of Personality 3 cr.
PSYC 325 Abnormal Psychology 3 cr.

Biological Bases: 6 cr. hrs. (choose 2 of 3)
PSYC 340 Animal Behavior 3 cr.
PSYC 350 Sensation and Perception 3 cr.
PSYC 355 Physiological Psychology 3 cr.

Applied Psychology Options: 3 cr. hrs.
PSYC 160 Psychology of Adjustment 3 cr.
PSYC 225 Sex Differences, Gender Roles, and Sexual Orientation 3 cr.
PSYC 250 Industrial and Organizational Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 260 Behavior Modification 3 cr.
PSYC 269 Health Psychology
PSYC 285 Psychology of Prejudice and Racism *fulfills the University diversity requirement 3 cr.

PSYC 361 Psychological Foundations of Employee Selection 3 cr.
PSYC 362 Psychological Foundations of Employee Training 3 cr.
PSYC 375 The Psychology of Human Sexuality 3 cr.
PSYC 425 Introduction to Clinical Psychology 3 cr.

Elective Psychology Courses: 6 cr. hrs.
In addition to completing the course area requirements, the student must take additional psychology courses to achieve the required 36 credits for the major.
These courses may be selected from any of the areas listed above or from the following:
PSYC 110 Psychology Colloquium I *only for all incoming first-year students 1 cr.
PSYC 289 Special Topics in Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 378 Psychology Semester Abroad 3 cr.
PSYC 379 Internship in Psychology 1 to 3 cr.
PSYC 480 Seminar in Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 490 Independent Study in Psychology 1 to 3 cr.

If PSYC 101 and/or PSYC 201 are not used in General Education, they may be used as elective courses in the psychology major.

New Psychology Major: 36 Total Credits

Required Courses: 6 cr. hrs.
PSYC 110 Careers in Psychology 1 cr.
PSYC 216 Research Methods 3 cr.
PSYC 450 Senior Seminar in Psychology 2 cr.

Advanced Methodology (choose 1): 3 credits
PSYC 315 Psychological Measurement and Evaluation 3 cr.
PSYC 316 Advanced Research Methods 3 cr.

Psychological Foundations: Experimental (choose 3): 9 credits
PSYC 305 Learning and Motivation 3 cr.
PSYC 310 Memory and Thinking 3 cr.
PSYC 340 Animal Behavior 3 cr.
PSYC 350 Sensation and Perception 3 cr.
PSYC 355 Physiological Psychology 3 cr.

Psychological Foundations: Social (choose 3): 9 credits
PSYC 320 Personality Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 325 Abnormal Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 360 Social Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 335 Child and Adolescent Development 3 cr.
PSYC 336 Adulthood and Aging 3 cr.

Elective Psychology Courses: 9 credits
In addition to completing the course area requirements, the student must take additional psychology courses to achieve the required 36 credits for the major. The electives can be selected from the areas above or any other Psychology courses.

Required Supporting Courses
PSYC 101 General Psychology 3 cr.
PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics 3 cr.
If PSYC 101 and/or PSYC 201 are not used in General Education, they may be used as elective courses in the psychology major.
The goal of the new curriculum is to provide a strong methodological core to precede our two foundational areas of emphasis: social and experimental psychology. As part of this change, we will now require statistics and methods as prerequisites for the foundations courses, thus helping students to better grasp what they are learning. It is our intention to ensure that all students have a fundamental grounding in the science of psychology before they begin learning about the foundational findings of psychology that are based upon the scientific methods of psychology. The foundations courses are fundamentally unchanged, as is our basic content. However, by requiring all majors to first focus on the methods and statistics of psychology we hope to help students appreciate the scientific nature of our field.

Current Psychology Minor: 24 Total Credits

**Required Courses:** 9 cr. hrs.
PSYC 101 General Psychology 3 cr.
(credits can be counted in general education)
PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics 3 cr.
(credits can be counted in general education)
PSYC 205 Research Methods (writing intensive) 3 cr.
or PSYC 315 Psychological Measurement and Evaluation

**Electives:** 15 cr. hrs.
Additional courses in Psychology.
Sociology majors with a minor in psychology who have taken SOCI 300 Research Methods may substitute another psychology course for the PSYC 205 or PSYC 315 requirement.

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New Psychology Minor = 24 Total Credits

Required Courses: 9 credit hours
PSYC 101 General Psychology 3 credits (credits can be counted in General Education)
PSYC 201 Behavioral Statistics 3 credits (credits can be counted in General Education)
PSYC 216 Research Methods

Electives: 15 credit hours, Additional courses in Psychology.
Sociology majors with a minor in psychology who have taken SOCI 300 Research Methods may substitute another psychology course for the PSYC 216 requirement.

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The Psychology minor remains an excellent option for students from a variety of other programs. The main change is that PSYC 216 Research Methods is now a required course. This will allow minors to take the foundational courses in psychology which have PSYC 216 as a prerequisite.