EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, & SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
February 19, 2013

To be adopted:

Proposed changes to the Psychology Major (BS)

PRESENT:

2. Upper-division requirements for the B.S. (37-43 units)
   a) PSYC 109
   b) PSYC 110 or CBNS 106
   c) PSYC 140, PSYC 150
   d) PSYC 132 or PSYC 134
   e) PSYC 160 or PSYC 161 or PSYC 162 or PSYC 163
   f) Any two of the following: CBNS/PSYC 120L, PSYC 180, PSYC 181, PSYC 182 (E-Z), PSYC 195, PSYC 197 (for a total of 4 units, letter grade required), PSYC 199H
   g) One of the following: PSYC 136, PSYC 139, PSYC 148, PSYC 169. One of the following graduate seminars may be substituted, with permission of the instructor: PSYC 251, PSYC 255, PSYC 256, PSYC 257, PSYC 258, PSYC 263
   h) One additional 4-unit, upper-division Psychology course. No 190-series courses other than PSYC 198G or PSYC 198I may be used.

PROPOSED:

2. [no change]
   a) PSYC 110 or CBNS 106
   b) PSYC 140, PSYC 150
   c) PSYC 132 or PSYC 134
   d) PSYC 160 or PSYC 161 or PSYC 162 or PSYC 163
   e) Any three of the following: PSYC 109, CBNS 120L/PSYC 120L, PSYC 180, PSYC 181, PSYC 182 (E-Z), PSYC 195, PSYC 197 (for a total of 4 units, letter grade required), PSYC 199H
   f) One of the following: PSYC 136, PSYC 139, PSYC 148, PSYC 169, or PSYC 190 (for a total of 4 units, letter grade required). One of the following graduate seminars may be substituted, with permission of the instructor: PSYC 251, PSYC 255, PSYC 256, PSYC 257, PSYC 258, PSYC 263
   g) One additional 4-unit, upper-division Psychology course. No 190-series courses other than PSYC 198G or PSYC 198I may be used.

JUSTIFICATION:

Justification for the addition of PSYC 190: PSYC 190: Special Studies is an independent study that a student can take with a faculty member for one-on-one intense reading and discussion within a topic. This course was originally left off of the list of courses that could meet the relevant requirement, but the format and purpose of the course meet the intended purpose of this requirement. Thus, PSYC 190 should be included in the list of courses from which BS students can meet this requirement.
Justification for moving PSYC 109: The original purpose of having BS students take PSYC 109: Advanced Research Methods was to gain a research experience in which they design and conduct an independent research project and gain further training in statistical analysis. Currently, PSYC 109 is a requirement that can only be met by students taking this specific course; however, PSYC 109 is only taught every other year. This issue has already proven to be problematic for several students on the BS track. In order to avert further issues in meeting this requirement, we propose to introduce flexibility in students’ option by including this course in the list of other courses in which students gain research experience.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Psychology: 10/18/2012
Approved by the Executive Committee of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences: 11/21/2012
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