To be adopted: Proposed Changes to Psychology Change of Major Criteria

PRESENT: PROPOSED:

Change of Major Criteria

Students switching to the Psychology or Psychology/Law and Society must have completed the following courses with grades of C- or better and have been in good academic standing for two quarters or more.

1. Lower Division requirements
   a. PSYC 001, PSYC 002 and PSYC 011

Transfer students and others entering the major after achieving sophomore standing must complete the requirements within one year by enrolling in applicable courses every quarter until the requirement is met. Students who do not complete the lower-division requirements in this timely fashion and with at least the minimum required grade average will not be permitted to continue in the Psychology major. Students must check course descriptions for prerequisite requirements.

Justification:
The proposed change makes explicit that MATH 004 or higher is a prerequisite to change into the Psychology or Psychology/Law and Society majors, a requirement that currently exists but only as a prerequisite to the required PSYC 011 course.

If approved, the Change of Major criteria will explicitly parallel the also proposed and accompanying “Change to Selection Criteria – Transfer Applications into Psychology”.

Approvals:
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