

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SOCIAL SCIENCES
REPORT TO RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 29, 2018**

To be adopted:

Proposed changes to the Psychology Major (BS)

PRESENT:

For the Bachelor of Science

The B.S. degree is designed to provide a research-intensive curriculum for students who want a deeper understanding of how knowledge is created through research and for students who may be interested in research-based graduate programs in psychology and the biological sciences.

Psychology courses must be taken for a letter grade. Students must check course descriptions for prerequisite requirements.

Admission A limited number of students are accepted into the B.S. degree of the Psychology major. Acceptance is according to overall GPA and acceptable progress towards the Psychology major, including PSYC 001, PSYC 002, PSYC 011 and PSYC 012 with a B- or better. Students must apply when they have completed between 75 and 100 quarter units of college work.

The major requirements for the B.S. degree in Psychology are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements for the B.S. (39 units)
 - a) One course in Mathematics ~~chosen from~~ MATH 004, MATH 005, MATH 008A, or MATH 009A
 - b) One 4 unit course in Biological Sciences (Biochemistry, Biology, Botany and Plant Sciences, Entomology, Nematology, or Plant Pathology)
 - c) One 4 unit course in Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences, excluding cultural Geography courses)
 - d) Two additional 4 unit courses that satisfy the CHASS Natural Sciences and

PROPOSED:

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The major requirements for the B.S. degree in Psychology are as follows:

1. Lower-division requirements for the B.S. (at least 39 units)
 - a) One course in Mathematics equivalent to MATH 004 or higher; or a score on the MAE (Math Advisory Exam) sufficient for placement into MATH 022 or higher.
 - b) One 4 unit course in Biological Sciences (Biochemistry, Biology, Botany and Plant Sciences, Entomology, Nematology, or Plant Pathology)
 - c) One 4 unit course in Physical Sciences (Chemistry, Physics, Earth Sciences, excluding cultural Geography courses)
 - d) Two additional 4 unit courses that satisfy the CHASS Natural Sciences and

Mathematics breadth requirements.

e) PSYC 001, PSYC 002, PSYC 011, PSYC 012 with no grade below a B-

2. Upper-division requirements (37 units)

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, PSYC 120L/CBNS 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 117, 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.

Students planning for graduate school should take into consideration any specific graduate school requirements when choosing these elective Psychology courses.

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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, PSYC 120L/CBNS 120L, PSYC 181, PSYC 182 (E- Z), PSYC 195, PSYC 197 (for a total of 4 units, letter grade required), PSYC 199H

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JUSTIFICATION:

The following change to the BA and BS major criteria is in the wording of the math requirement. The wording clarifies the existing requirement and brings it in the line with prior catalog changes to the change of major and transfer admissions criteria. The change is not a substantive change to the requirement itself.

PSYC 180 has been deleted by the department the course no longer exists.

The PSYC department has adopted CEP's recommendation to add, "at least" to the 39 units for lower division requirements to account for the possibility that students can use the placement exams in place of course requirements.

APPROVALS:

Approved by the faculty of the Department of Psychology:

October 17, 2017

Approved by the Executive Committee College of Humanities,
Arts, and Social Sciences:

February 28, 2018

Approved by the Committee on Educational Policy:

May 1, 2018