Executive Committee  
College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences  
Report to the Riverside Division on May 31, 2001

To be adopted:  

Proposed Changes in Requirements for the B. A. in Psychology

PRESENT

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)
   a) PSYC 110 or NRSC 106
   b) PSYC 140, PSYC150
   c) PSYC 132 or PSYC 134
   d) PSYC 160 or PSYC 161 or PSYC 163
   e) Four additional . . .

PROPOSED

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

2. Upper-division requirements (36 units)
   a) PSYC 110 or NRSC 106
   b) PSYC 140, PSYC150
   c) PSYC 132 or PSYC 134
   d) PSYC 160A/HMDV 160A
   e) Four additional . . .

JUSTIFICATION:

Providing a choice of one of the three courses was necessary in order to ensure timely graduation. Until recently, a lack of departmental resources plus the use of PSYC 160 (Personality Development) in several majors often made it difficult for students to take PSYC 160 in a timely fashion, particularly if they wished to take other developmental courses for which 160 was a prerequisite. In Fall 2000, PSYC 160 was discontinued and its content was split across two new courses, PSYC 160A/HMDV 160A (Development in Infancy and Childhood) and PSYC 160B/HMDV 160B (Development in Adolescence and Adulthood). PSYC 160A/HMDV 160A thus becomes the required course, and will be offered sufficiently often and to a sufficiently large enrollment that a choice of courses will not be necessary.

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