

# CURRICULUM CHANGE PROPOSAL

## APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Revising curriculum for Legal Psychology concentration

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Psychology

### DEPARTMENT CHAIR

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I have read the enclosed proposal and approve this proposal on behalf of the department.



November 1, 2020

Signature

Date

### COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college curriculum committee.

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### COLLEGE DEAN

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I have read the enclosed documents and approve the proposal on behalf of the college. I certify that the necessary funds will be allocated by the college in support of this proposal.

Signature

Date

## GRADUATE CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: October 14, 2020

From: Wendy S. Francis, Graduate Program Director, Psychology

Through: Edward Castañeda, Chair, Psychology

Through: Denis O'Hearn, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Amy Wagler, Chair, Graduate Council

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A number of changes are requested to the doctoral program in psychology, Legal Psychology concentration:

1. Addition of Seminar in Psychopathology (PSYC 6309) to list of possible breadth courses. This will allow students more flexibility in completing their degree and better align the content of the breadth courses with students' research interests.
2. Reduction of number of breadth courses from three to two. The faculty in the Legal program believe that two courses in this area are sufficient to provide students with the needed basis in general psychology. Further, these courses are offered infrequently and the courses that have been available did not align well with students' needs. Reducing the number of courses to two will eliminate barriers to degree completion.
3. Clarification of concentration courses. The catalog did not reflect the faculty's intent with regard to which specialized Legal Psychology courses students take. Rather than providing a list from which students could select any courses from, we have clarified that PSYC 6344 is required of all students, and PSYC 6342 (which can be taken multiple times) and PSYC 6346 can be used to fulfil the remaining concentration courses. We have also added an additional course to this requirement (from 3 to 4) to ensure that students receive enough training in Legal Psychology issues.
4. Removal of Field Placement from Concentration Requirement. Traditionally, all students were required to complete a field placement, which is a supervised research externship. This worked well for many years, but recent changes have made this requirement less than ideal. First, many of our current students seek teaching-focused positions and such a placement is not helpful to them. Second, there is currently a limited number of faculty (one) who can supervise these placements, placing a large burden on faculty to supervise these time-intensive placements. Finally, the placements available in recent years have not always been aligned with students' research interests, forcing students to complete 300 hour externships in settings where they are exposed to limited learning opportunities. Making Field Placement an option instead of a requirement will allow students to better tailor their degree to their career goals.

5. Restructure of Concentration Electives. To better align the degree program with the goals of the program, we have restructured the Concentration Electives to focus on courses that offer students practical skills. This includes the now-optional Field Placement in addition to other applied courses, such as those that focus on writing or statistics. We have eliminated other courses from this section of the degree plan to ensure that all students receive some degree of applied training. The courses removed from this section are still available to students under the Psychology Electives section of the degree plan.

6. Course removals/additions. We have removed references to courses that are no longer offered, and added courses that were added to the catalog in recent years.

**Degree Plan: PhD in Psychology with concentration in Legal Psychology**

Ph.D. in General Psychology Core

Research Applications

Required:

<a href="#">PSYC 6307</a>	Appl Correlation & Regres Meth	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6308</a>	Experimentl Design/Anal of Var	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6334</a>	Foundations of Research	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6380</a>	First Year Research	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6381</a>	First Year Research	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6385</a>	Research Applications (Complete two semesters)	<del>6</del> 3
PSYC 6395	<u>Thesis</u>	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6396</a>	Thesis	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6398</a>	Dissertation	3
<a href="#">PSYC 6399</a>	Dissertation	3

Breadth Courses

Select ~~two~~<sup>three</sup> courses from the following: ~~6~~9

<a href="#">PSYC 6309</a>	<u>Seminar in Psychopathology</u>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6327</a>	Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych	
<a href="#">PSYC 6330</a>	Social Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 6357</a>	Seminar: Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 6367</a>	Seminar:Cognitive Psych	
<a href="#">PSYC 6371</a>	Animal Learning & Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 6372</a>	Behavioral Neuroscience	
<a href="#">PSYC 6376</a>	<u>Developmental Psychology</u>	
<del>PSYC 6374</del>		
<del>PSYC 6376</del>		
<a href="#">PSYC 6377</a>	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci	
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Required:

<a href="#">PSYC 6344</a>	<u>Survey of Legal Psychology</u>	<del>3</del>
<u>Select <del>three</del><sup>two</sup> courses from the following:</u>		
<a href="#">PSYC 6342</a>	Special Topics in Psyc & Law ( <u>can be taken multiple times for credit if topic is different</u> )	3
<del>PSYC 6342</del> <a href="#">PSYC 6346</a>	<del>Special Topics in Psyc &amp; Law</del> <u>Clinicl Issues in Legal Psych</u>	3
<del>PSYC 6344</del>	<del>Survey of Legal Psychology</del>	3

- Select one course from the following: ~~PSYC 6390~~ **Field Placement** 3
- ~~PSYC 6302~~ ~~PSYC 6390~~ **Structural Equation Modeling** **Field Placement** 3
- [PSYC 6303](#) [Seminar in Meta-Analysis](#)
- [PSYC 6304](#) [Categorical Data Analysis](#)
- [PSYC 6305](#) [Multilevel modeling](#)
- [PSYC 6323](#) [Psychometrics](#)
- [PSYC 6335](#) [Research Design/Data Analysis](#)

Concentration Electives

Select ~~six~~ **nine** hours of graduate PSYC from the following: 69

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- ~~PSYC 5010~~
- ~~PSYC 5302~~
- ~~PSYC 5303~~
- ~~PSYC 5304~~
- ~~PSYC 5306~~
- ~~PSYC 5309~~
- ~~PSYC 5315~~
- ~~PSYC 5321~~
- ~~PSYC 5322~~ **Theories/Methods Psychotherapy**
- ~~PSYC 5323~~
- ~~PSYC 5325~~
- ~~PSYC 5330~~
- ~~PSYC 5331~~
- ~~PSYC 5333~~
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- ~~PSYC 5342~~
- ~~PSYC 5344~~
- ~~PSYC 5351~~ **Behavioral Medicine**
- ~~PSYC 5352~~
- ~~PSYC 5355~~ **Seminar in General Psychology**
- ~~PSYC 5356~~
- ~~PSYC 5360~~ **Clinical Internship**
- ~~PSYC 5371~~
- ~~PSYC 5372~~
- ~~PSYC 5374~~
- ~~PSYC 5376~~
- ~~PSYC 5385~~ **Research Applications**
- ~~PSYC 5395~~ **Thesis**

<a href="#">PSYC 5396</a>	Thesis
<a href="#">PSYC 6010</a>	Quantitative Cert Suppl Req
<a href="#">PSYC 6302</a>	Structural Equation Modeling
<a href="#">PSYC 6303</a>	Seminar in Meta-Analysis
<a href="#">PSYC 6304</a>	Categorical Data Analysis
<a href="#">PSYC 6305</a>	<a href="#">Multilevel modeling</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6306</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6307</a>	<a href="#">Appl Correlation &amp; Regres Meth</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6308</a>	<a href="#">Experimentl Design/Anal of Var</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6309</a>	<a href="#">Seminar in Psychopathology</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6312</a>	Program Evaluation
<a href="#">PSYC 6317</a>	<a href="#">Behav/Mental Hlth Intervention</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6315</a>	<a href="#">Psychopharmacology</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6319</a>	Seminar:Personality Assessment
<a href="#">PSYC 6322</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6323</a>	Psychometrics
<a href="#">PSYC 6325</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6327</a>	<a href="#">Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6328</a>	<a href="#">Spel Topics: Soc/Cultrl Psych</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6330</a>	<a href="#">Social Behavior</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6331</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6333</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6334</a>	<a href="#">Foundations of Research</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6335</a>	Research Design/Data Analysis
<a href="#">PSYC 6351</a>	<a href="#">Behavioral Medicine</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6352</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6355</a>	<a href="#">Seminar in General Psychology</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6356</a>	Scientific Writing ( <a href="#">can be taken multiple times</a> )
<a href="#">PSYC 6390</a>	<a href="#">Field Placement</a> ( <a href="#">can be taken multiple times</a> )
<a href="#">PSYC 6357</a>	<a href="#">Seminar: Psychology</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6358</a>	<a href="#">Spel Topics: Psychology</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6360</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6367</a>	<a href="#">Seminar:Cognitive Psych</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6368</a>	<a href="#">Spel Topics: Cognitive Psych</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6371</a>	<a href="#">Animal Learning &amp; Behavior</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6372</a>	<a href="#">Behavioral Neuroscience</a>
<a href="#">PSYC 6374</a>	

<a href="#">PSYC 6376</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6377</a>	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci
<a href="#">PSYC 6378</a>	Spel Topics: Behavrl Neurosci
<a href="#">PSYC 6380</a>	First Year Research
<a href="#">PSYC 6381</a>	First Year Research
<a href="#">PSYC 6385</a>	Research Applications
<a href="#">PSYC 6395</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6396</a>	Thesis

Psychology Electives

Select ~~twenty one~~<sup>nineteen</sup> additional hours of graduate PSYC from the following:

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<a href="#">PSYC 5010</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 5302</a>	
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<a href="#">PSYC 5304</a>	
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<a href="#">PSYC 5344</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 5351</a>	Behavioral Medicine
<a href="#">PSYC 5352</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 5355</a>	Seminar in General Psychology
<a href="#">PSYC 5360</a>	Clinical Internship
<a href="#">PSYC 5371</a>	
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<a href="#">PSYC 6358</a>	Spcl Topics: Psychology
<del>PSYC 6360</del>	
<a href="#">PSYC 6367</a>	Seminar:Cognitive Psych
<a href="#">PSYC 6368</a>	Spcl Topics: Cognitive Psych

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Animal Learning & Behavior

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Behavioral Neuroscience

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Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci

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Spcl Topics: Behavrl Neurosci

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