

CURRICULUM PROPOSAL APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Updates to Psychology Masters Degree

College: Liberal Arts Department: Psychology

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Dr. Wendy Francis

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

Wendy S. Francis

10/18/24

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

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

Signature

Date

COLLEGE DEAN – Dr. Anadeli Bencomo

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

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 10/16/24

From: Dr. Katie Serafine, Graduate Program Director, Psychology

Through: Dr. Wendy Francis, Psychology

Through: Dr. Anadeli Bencomo, COLART

To: Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

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Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

Content

☐ New program or ☒ Program Change

☐ Bachelor's

☒ Master's

☐ Doctoral/Professional

☐ Certificate

☐ Fast Track

☐ Minor

☐ Concentration/Track

☐ New Course

☐ Closure (program, certificate, minor, concentration)

☒ Change

☐ CIP Code

☐ Program/certificate SCH

☐ Course Title

☐ Course Description

☐ Graduate Program Admission Requirements

Rationale

With the recent closure of our clinical psychology masters program, we aim to rename our experimental psychology masters program, and include additional electives in the menu .

Degree Plan

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Degree Plan

Required Credits: 30

Code	Title	Hours
MA in Psychology (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		
PSYC 6307	Appl Correlation & Regres Meth	3
PSYC 6308	Experimentl Design/Anal of Var	3
Required Electives:		
Select two courses from the following:		6
PSYC 6327	Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych	
PSYC 6357	Seminar: Psychology	
PSYC 6367	Seminar:Cognitive Psych	
PSYC 6377	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci	
Other psych grad courses with approval from Graduate Programming Committee		
Other Electives:		
Select twelve hours from the following:		12
PSYC 5322	Theories/Methods Psychotherapy	
PSYC 5351	Behavioral Medicine	
PSYC 5355	Seminar in General Psychology	
PSYC 5360	Clinical Internship	
PSYC 5385	Research Applications	
PSYC 6010	Quantitative Cert Suppl Req	
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
PSYC 6307	Appl Correlation & Regres Meth	
PSYC 6308	Experimentl Design/Anal of Var	
PSYC 6309	Seminar in Psychopathology	
PSYC 6312	Program Evaluation	
PSYC 6315	Psychopharmacology	

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PSYC 6319		
PSYC 6323	Psychometrics	
PSYC 6327	Seminar:Soc/Cultrl Psych	
PSYC 6328	Spcl Topics: Soc/Cultrl Psych	
PSYC 6330	Social Behavior	
PSYC 6334	Foundations of Research	
PSYC 6335	Research Design/Data Analysis	
PSYC 6342	Special Topics in Psyc & Law	
PSYC 6344	Survey of Legal Psychology	
PSYC 6351	Behavioral Medicine	
PSYC 6355	Seminar in General Psychology	
PSYC 6356	Scientific Writing	
PSYC 6357	Seminar: Psychology	
PSYC 6358	Spcl Topics: Psychology	
PSYC 6367	Seminar:Cognitive Psych	
PSYC 6368	Spcl Topics: Cognitive Psych	
PSYC 6371	Animal Learning & Behavior	
PSYC 6372	Behavioral Neuroscience	
PSYC 6377	Seminar: Behavrl Neurosci	
PSYC 6378	Spcl Topics: Behavrl Neurosci	
PSYC 6380	First Year Research	
PSYC 6381	First Year Research	
PSYC 6385	Research Applications	
PSYC 6390	Field Placement	
PSYC 6309	Seminar in Psychopathology	
PSYC 6317	Behavioral and Mental Health Intervention	
PSYC 6318	Seminar in Psychological Assessment	
PSYC 5343/6343	Clinical Issues in Legal Psychology	
PSYC 6313	Multilevel Modeling	
	Any graduate-level psychology course not counted in one of the other categories can be approved by the graduate programing committee on a case-by-case basis if above options are not available.	

Thesis:

Code	Title	Hours
PSYC 5395 & PSYC 5396	Thesis and Thesis	6
Total Hours		30
Course List		

DEGREE TITLE OR DESIGNATION CHANGE REQUEST

Request type:

- ☒ Degree Title Change
☐ Degree Designation Change

General Information

Degree Level (bachelor's, master's, doctoral): masters

Degree Designation Abbreviation (e.g. MA): MA

Degree Designation Description (e.g. *Master of Arts*): Master of Arts

Degree Program Title (e.g. Psychology): Experimental Psychology

Degree Program CIP Code: [42.2704](#)

CIP Code Name: Experimental Psychology

Administrative Unit Name & Number (e.g. Department of Biology): Department of Psychology

Proposed Effective Date of Change: Fall 2025

Degree Title or Designation Changes

Proposed Degree Program Title (if applicable): **Psychology**

Proposed Degree Program Designation (if applicable):

Brief summary of the rationale for the title and/or designation change request, including any curricular or discipline-based changes: We wish to remove the term “experimental” from our masters program, to allow for students’ specialty to be more broadly inclusive of content not defined by the term “experimental” (i.e., to better represent the flexibility in electives that include not just experimental coursework, but also applied and clinically relevant content.

Contact Information

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CURRICULUM PROPOSAL APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Update to Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Psychology
College: Liberal Arts Department: Psychology

DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Wendy Francis, PhD

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

Wendy A. Francis

10/18/24

Signature

Date

COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez

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Date

COLLEGE DEAN - Insert Dean Name

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Signature

Date

CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 10/11/24

From: Dr. Katherine Serafine, Psychology

Through: Dr Wendy Francis, Psychology

Through: Dean Anadeli Bencomo, COLART

To: Dr. Selfa Chew-Melendez, LACC & Graduate Council

Proposal Title: Updates to the Graduate Certificate in Quantitative Methods in Psychology

Select the proposal content (select as many as apply) and provide the rationale.

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Rationale

This proposal includes several minor updates to our quantitative methods certificate to streamline requirements and introduce new flexibility of coursework. The specific changes include:

- Using 6000-level course numbers in the catalog for courses, rather than 5000-level, since the certificate is most appropriate for doctoral level trainees
- Movement of a course (PSYC 6334 Foundations of Research) out of the required courses menu,, and adding PSYC 6313 Multilevel modeling to the psychology statistics elective menu.
- Revising the menu option titles to "Psychology Statistics Electives" and "Graduate Statistics Electives", removing some options due to courses no longer being offered or relevant, and added some new courses that are relevant from mathematics.

Degree Plan

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Degree Plan

Required Credits: 18

Code	Title	Hours
Quantitative Methods in Psychology (All courses require a grade of C or better)		
Required Courses:		
PSYC 6310	Appl Correlation & Regres Meth	3
PSYC 6311	Experimentl Design/Anal of Var	3
PSYC 6010	Quantitative Cert Suppl Req	0
Psychology Statistics Electives:		
Select three courses from the following:		6
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
PSYC 6323	Psychometrics	
PSYC 6335	Research Design/Data Analysis	
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
PSYC 6313	Multilevel Modeling	
Graduate Level Statistics Elective:		
Select one additional 3 credit course from the following:		3
MATH 5311	Topics in Applied Mathematics	
MATH 5321	Principles of Analysis	
MATH 5325	Principles of Algebra	
MATH 5329	Numerical Analysis	
MATH 5330	Comp Methods of Linear Algebra	
MATH 5331	Real Variables	
MATH 5335	Techniques in Optimization	
MATH 5341	General Topology	
MATH 5343	Numer Solution Part Diff Equat	
MATH 5345	Numerical Optimization	
MATH 5351	Complex Variables	

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 5370	Special Topics	
MATH 5380	Mathematical Statistics I	
MATH 5381	Mathematical Statistics II	
MATH 5385	Statistics in Research	
MATH 5388	Multivariate Data Analysis	
MATH 5391	Time Series Analysis	
MATH 5392	Statistical Computing	
PSYC 6312	Program Evaluation	
PSYC 6334	Foundations of Research	
MATH 5390	Nonparametric Statistics	
MATH 5329	Statistical Programming	
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
PSYC 6323	Psychometrics	
PSYC 6335	Research Design/Data Analysis	
PSYC 6302	Structural Equation Modeling	
PSYC 6303	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
PSYC 6304	Categorical Data Analysis	
PSYC 6313	Multilevel Modeling	
Total Hours		18
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