

## -CURRICULUM PROPOSAL APPROVAL PAGE

Proposal Title: Replacing required General Experimental Psychology lecture and lab with Research Methods course.

College: Liberal Arts

Department: Psychology

**DEPARTMENT CHAIR- Wendy S. Francis**

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

*Wendy S. Francis*

9/23/25

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Date

**COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE CHAIR – Selfa A. Chew-Melendez**

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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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Signature

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Date

**COLLEGE DEAN – Anadeli Bencomo**

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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.

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## CURRICULUM CHANGE MEMO

Date: 9/23/2025

From: Ana I. Schwartz, Professor, Department of Psychology



Through: Wendy S. Francis, Chair, Department of Psychology



Through: Anadeli Bencomo, Dean, College of Liberal Arts

To: Selfa A. Chew-Melendez, Chair, Liberal Arts Curriculum Committee

Proposal Title: **PSYC UG : Replacing required General Experimental Psychology lecture and lab with Research Methods course**

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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**

The Department of Psychology proposes replacing two required courses *General Experimental Psychology PSYC 3201* (2 hr credit) and *General Experimental Psychology Laboratory PSYC 3101* (1 hr credit) with *Research Methods (PSYC 3340)* (3 hr credit). Research methods combines the previous lecture and lab components into a unified, streamlined course format. This proposal seeks to address ongoing challenges with the current course structure, including issues related to student confusion, enrollment difficulties, and time-to-degree, while maintaining academic rigor and enhancing the overall student experience. This proposal also takes into consideration faculty teaching load.

**This entails a change in stated prerequisites:**

FROM: Prerequisite(s): (PSYC 3101 w/C or better AND PSYC 3201 w/C or better )

CHANGE TO: Prerequisite(s): (PSYC 3340 w/C or better ) OR (PSYC 3101 w/C or better AND PSYC 3201 w/C or better)

**For the following courses:**

PSYC 3320. Learning & Memory.

PSYC 3330. Sensation and Perception.

PSYC 3331. Cross-Cultural Psychology.

PSYC 3332. Neurobio of Social Motivation.

PSYC 3346. Drugs, the Brain and Behavior.

PSYC 3347. Behavior Modification.

PSYC 3348. Cognitive Psychology.

PSYC 3350. Health Psychology.

PSYC 4301. Psychological Testing.

PSYC 4310. Adolescent Development.

PSYC 4311. Advanced Topics Dev Psych.

PSYC 4312. Advanced Psychopathology.

PSYC 4313. Physical & Cognitive Aging.

PSYC 4314. Cognitive Development.

PSYC 4315. Psych of Criminal Behavior.

PSYC 4317. Advanced Statistics.

PSYC 4341. Motivation & Emotion.

PSYC 4345. Seminar in Psychology.

PSYC 4352. Independent Research.

PSYC 4353. Honors Thesis.

PSYC 4375. Neuroscience Capstone.

**Degree Plan**

*Copy and paste text (if applicable) and degree plan from catalog here*

**See attachments**

# PSYC BA Degree Plan

Required Credits: 120

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Minor Required</b>		
This program requires the selection of a minor.		
<b>Upper Division Hours</b>		
This degree plan requires completion of 39 upper-division hours.		
<b>Designated Core</b>		
<b>Math Requirement (Courses require a grade of C or better.)</b>		
Select one course of the following:		
<a href="#">MATH 1309</a>	College Algebra	
<a href="#">MATH 1312</a>	Calculus II	
<a href="#">MATH 1320</a>	Math for Social Sciences I	
<a href="#">MATH 1411</a>	Calculus I	
<a href="#">MATH 1508</a>	Precalculus	
<a href="#">MATH 2313</a>	Calculus III	
<a href="#">STAT 1380</a>	Statistical Literacy	
A higher level calculus course		
<b>University Core Curriculum</b>		
<a href="#">Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.</a>		
<b>Psychology Major</b>		
Required Courses:		
<a href="#">PSYC 1301</a>	Introduction to Psychology <sup>c</sup>	
<a href="#">PSYC 1303</a>	Statistical Methods	
<a href="#">PSYC 3340</a>	<a href="#">Research Methods</a>	
<a href="#">PSYC 3102</a>	Professional Development	
		Deleted: <a href="#">PSYC 3101</a>
		Deleted: Lab for Gen Exper Psyc <sup>c</sup>
		Deleted: <a href="#">PSYC 3201</a>
		Deleted: Gen Experimental Psychology <sup>c</sup>
<b>PSYC Elective:</b>		
Select one of the following courses:		
<a href="#">PSYC 3320</a>	Learning & Memory	
<a href="#">PSYC 3330</a>	Sensation and Perception	
<a href="#">PSYC 3331</a>	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3346</a>	Drugs of Abuse and Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 3347</a>	Behavior Modification	
<a href="#">PSYC 3348</a>	Cognitive Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3350</a>	Health Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4301</a>	Psychological Testing	
<a href="#">PSYC 4310</a>	Adolescent Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 4311</a>	Advanced Topics Dev Psyc	
<a href="#">PSYC 4312</a>	Advanced Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4313</a>	Physical & Cognitive Aging	
<a href="#">PSYC 4315</a>	Psych of Criminal Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 4324</a>	Psychobiology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4341</a>	Motivation & Emotion	
<a href="#">PSYC 4345</a>	Seminar in Psychology	

Code	Title	Hou
Select eighteen hours of the following, with at least twelve being upper-division:		
<a href="#">PSYC 2302</a>	Social Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 2305</a>	Psychology of Human Sexuality	
<a href="#">PSYC 2306</a>	Psychology of Personality	
<a href="#">PSYC 2310</a>	Life Cycle Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 2312</a>	Intro to Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 2324</a>	Introductory Neuroscience	
<a href="#">PSYC 3315</a>	Psychology and the Law	
<a href="#">PSYC 3320</a>	Learning & Memory	
<a href="#">PSYC 3330</a>	Sensation and Perception	
<a href="#">PSYC 3331</a>	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3332</a>	Neurosci of Social Motivation	
<a href="#">PSYC 3333</a>	From Molecules to Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 3346</a>	Drugs of Abuse and Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 3347</a>	Behavior Modification	
<a href="#">PSYC 3348</a>	Cognitive Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3350</a>	Health Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4301</a>	Psychological Testing	
<a href="#">PSYC 4309</a>	History & Systems Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4310</a>	Adolescent Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 4311</a>	Advanced Topics Dev Psyc	
<a href="#">PSYC 4312</a>	Advanced Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4313</a>	Physical & Cognitive Aging	
<a href="#">PSYC 4314</a>	Cognitive Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 4315</a>	Psych of Criminal Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 4316</a>	Language and Cognition	
<a href="#">PSYC 4317</a>	Advanced Statistics	
<a href="#">PSYC 4321</a>	Judgment and Decision Making	
<a href="#">PSYC 4324</a>	Psychobiology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4341</a>	Motivation & Emotion	
<a href="#">PSYC 4343</a>	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
<a href="#">PSYC 4345</a>	Seminar in Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4352</a>	Independent Research	
<a href="#">PSYC 4353</a>	Honors Thesis	
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Select additional hours to complete a total of one hundred twenty hours		
<b>Foreign Language</b>		
Select six credit of Foreign Language. All six credits must be in the same language sequence. <sup>1</sup>		
<b>Block Electives</b>		
<a href="#">Complete twelve upper-division hours from the blocks below, with three to six hours in each</a>		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<sup>1</sup> French and Spanish majors must fulfill this requirement in a language other than their major.		
Course List		
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# Psyc BS Degree Plan

Required Credits: 120

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Minor Required</b>		
This program requires the selection of a minor in Chemistry, Biological Science, Mathematics, or Physics.		
<b>Designated Core (Courses require a grade of C or better.)</b>		
Select one of the following:		
<a href="#">MATH 1411</a>	Calculus I	
<b>University Core Curriculum</b>		
<a href="#">Complete the University Core Curriculum requirements.</a>		
<b>Psychology Major</b>		
Required Courses:		
<a href="#">PSYC 1301</a>	Introduction to Psychology <sup>c</sup>	
<a href="#">PSYC 1303</a>	Statistical Methods	
<a href="#">PSYC 3340</a>	<a href="#">Research Methods</a>	
▼ <a href="#">PSYC 3102</a>	Professional Development	Deleted: <a href="#">PSYC 3101</a>
		Deleted: Lab for Gen Exper Psyc <sup>c</sup>
▼ <a href="#">PSYC 4317</a>	Advanced Statistics	Deleted: <a href="#">PSYC 3201</a>
		Deleted: Gen Experimental Psychology <sup>c</sup>
Major Electives		
Select three courses from:		
<a href="#">PSYC 3320</a>	Learning & Memory	
<a href="#">PSYC 3330</a>	Sensation and Perception	
<a href="#">PSYC 3331</a>	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3346</a>	Drugs of Abuse and Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 3347</a>	Behavior Modification	
<a href="#">PSYC 3348</a>	Cognitive Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3350</a>	Health Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4301</a>	Psychological Testing	
<a href="#">PSYC 4310</a>	Adolescent Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 4311</a>	Advanced Topics Dev Psyc	
<a href="#">PSYC 4312</a>	Advanced Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4313</a>	Physical & Cognitive Aging	
<a href="#">PSYC 4315</a>	Psych of Criminal Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 4321</a>	Judgment and Decision Making	
<a href="#">PSYC 4324</a>	Psychobiology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4341</a>	Motivation & Emotion	
<a href="#">PSYC 4345</a>	Seminar in Psychology	
Select six hours of upper division PSYC:		
<a href="#">PSYC 3315</a>	Psychology and the Law	
<a href="#">PSYC 3320</a>	Learning & Memory	
<a href="#">PSYC 3330</a>	Sensation and Perception	
<a href="#">PSYC 3331</a>	Cross-Cultural Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3346</a>	Drugs of Abuse and Behavior	



Code	Title	Hours
<a href="#">PSYC 3347</a>	Behavior Modification	
<a href="#">PSYC 3348</a>	Cognitive Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 3350</a>	Health Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4301</a>	Psychological Testing	
<a href="#">PSYC 4309</a>	History & Systems Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4310</a>	Adolescent Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 4311</a>	Advanced Topics Dev Psyc	
<a href="#">PSYC 4312</a>	Advanced Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4313</a>	Physical & Cognitive Aging	
<a href="#">PSYC 4315</a>	Psych of Criminal Behavior	
<a href="#">PSYC 4321</a>	Judgment and Decision Making	
<a href="#">PSYC 4324</a>	Psychobiology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4341</a>	Motivation & Emotion	
<a href="#">PSYC 4343</a>	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
<a href="#">PSYC 4345</a>	Seminar in Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 4352</a>	Independent Research	
<a href="#">PSYC 4353</a>	Honors Thesis	
Select nine additional hours of PSYC at any level:		
<a href="#">PSYC 2302</a>	Social Psychology	
<a href="#">PSYC 2305</a>	Psychology of Human Sexuality	
<a href="#">PSYC 2306</a>	Psychology of Personality	
<a href="#">PSYC 2310</a>	Life Cycle Development	
<a href="#">PSYC 2312</a>	Intro to Psychopathology	
<a href="#">PSYC 2324</a>	Introductory Neuroscience	
<a href="#">PSYC 3315</a>	Psychology and the Law	
<a href="#">PSYC 3320</a>	Learning & Memory	
<a href="#">PSYC 3330</a>	Sensation and Perception	
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<a href="#">PSYC 3332</a>	Neurosci of Social Motivation	
<a href="#">PSYC 3333</a>	From Molecules to Behavior	
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<a href="#">PSYC 4343</a>	Seminar in Meta-Analysis	
<a href="#">PSYC 4345</a>	Seminar in Psychology	

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<a href="#">PSYC 4352</a>	Independent Research	
<a href="#">PSYC 4353</a>	Honors Thesis	
<b>Open Electives</b>		
Select additional hours to complete a total of 120 total hours, 37 must be upper division		
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<a href="#">Course List</a>		