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Deborah: This document is a further revision of a document previously submitted to the Curriculum Committee (March 22, 2009) proposing changes to requirements for the Psychology major.

The Psychology Department wishes to make the following changes in our program.

Table 1 shows the current psychology major requirements, as they appear in the 2008-2009 undergraduate catalog. Table 2 shows the changes we wish to make, indicated by striking through the old requirements and substituting new requirements.

The first change involves substituting the two-course research methods sequence of PSYC 221 (Research Methods I) and PSYC 222 (Research Methods II) for the sequence of STAT 101 (or PSYC 110) and PSYC 220. As elaborated in our recent new course proposals for PSYC 221 and PSYC222, the teaching of statistics (formerly handled in STAT 101) and research methods (formerly handled in PSYC 220) are now integrated into both PSYC 221 and PSYC 222. This permits the application of statistical methods to psychological research to be better learned and appreciated by our students.

The second change removes the exclusion of STAT 101 from fulfilling the statistics and computer science related coursework requirement, and updates the courses that the department does accept. With STAT 101 removed from the list of *required* courses for psychology majors, it could now be permitted to fulfill the related coursework requirement in statistics and computer science.

The third change removes a set of INTD courses from the *Statistics & Computer Science* category that don't directly fall under either category.

Table 1. Current Psychology Major Requirements

<p>Psychology Major Requirements <i>Study within the major field:</i> <i>Required Courses</i> All of the following courses must be taken: PSYC 100, 110¹ (or STAT 101¹), 220¹, 240¹, 260¹, 270¹</p>	19 s.h.
<p><i>Area Requirement</i>¹ One course must be taken from the following: PSYC 230, 231, 232,233,234,324,326</p>	3 s.h.
<p><i>300-level Requirement</i>^{1,2} Two 300-level PSYC courses must be taken. Note that PSYC 324 & 326 satisfy both the Area and 300-level requirements; PSYC 399 does not satisfy the 300-level requirement.</p>	6 s.h.
<p><i>Elective Courses</i>¹ All PSYC 200 - and 300-level courses can be taken to achieve the 34 s.h. Minimum in Psychology. Students may take a maximum of 45 (B.A.) or 60 B.S.) s.h.</p>	6-9 s.h.
Total 34 s.h.	
<p><i>Related Coursework:</i> <i>Mathematics Requirement</i> Any course fulfilling the GEN ED M2 attributed, with the exception of STAT 101</p>	
<p><i>Statistics & Computer Science</i> One 3 s.h. course (or equivalent) from the following: PSYC 310¹ (Advanced Statistics in Psychology) -or- ANY 3 credit CSCI course -or- ANY 3 credit STAT course EXCEPT PSYC 110 and STAT 101</p>	3 s.h.
<p><i>Cultural Diversity</i> One course must be taken from the following: ALS 100, ALS 266, ALS 273, ALS 361; INTD 115/PHIL/RELIG 115; ANTH 214, 221, 120; COMM 241, 254; FAMS 160, 361; HIST 284; LING 201; PSYC 243/WMST 243; PSYC 262; WMST 130</p>	3 s.h.
Total 6 s.h.	
<p><i>Other Requirements:</i> 1) An average of “C” (2.0) must be obtained for those Psychology courses counted toward major course requirements. (This is a college rule.) 2) A grade of “C” or better is required in PSYC 100, 110 (or STAT 101), 220, and any 200-level course that is a prerequisite for a 300-level course.</p>	
<p><i>Note: Students may attempt PSYC 220 (Research Methods) only twice.</i></p>	

¹A grade of C or better in PSYC 100 is a prerequisite of this course (these courses)

²A grade of C or better in PSYC 220 is a prerequisite for this course (these courses)

Table 2. Proposed changes to the Psychology Major Requirements

<p>Psychology Major Requirements <i>Study within the major field:</i> <i>Required Courses</i> All of the following courses must be taken: PSYC 100, 110 (or STAT 101), 220, 240, 260, 270 PSYC 100, 221¹, 222^{1,2,3}, 240¹, 260¹, 270¹</p>	19 s.h.
<p><i>Area Requirement¹</i> One course must be taken from the following: PSYC 230,231,232,233,234,324,326</p>	3 s.h.
<p><i>300-level Requirement^{1,2}</i> Two 300-level PSYC courses must be taken. Note that PSYC 324 & 326 satisfy both the Area and 300-level requirements; PSYC 399 does not satisfy the 300-level requirement.</p>	6 s.h.
<p><i>Elective Courses¹</i> All PSYC 200- and 300-level courses can be taken to achieve the 34 s.h. Minimum in Psychology. Students may take a maximum of 45 (B.A.) or 60 B.S.) s.h.</p>	6-9 s.h. 6 s.h.
Total 34 s.h.	
<p><i>Related Coursework:</i> <i>Mathematics Requirement</i> Any course fulfilling the GEN ED M2 attributed, with the exception of STAT 101</p>	3 s.h.
<p><i>Statistics & Computer Science</i> One 3 s.h. course (or equivalent) from the following: PSYC 310 (Advanced Statistics in Psychology) or ANY 3 credit CSCI course or ANY 3 credit STAT course EXCEPT PSYC 110 and STAT 101 3 s.h. from the following: All STAT and CSCI courses; PSYC 110,310; INTD 106,107,108,150,250</p>	3 s.h.
<p><i>Cultural Diversity</i> One course must be taken from the following: ALS 100, ALS 266, ALS 273, ALS 361; ANTH 115/INTD 115/PHIL/RELIG 115; ANTH 214, 221, 320; COMM 241, 254; FAMS 160, 361; HIST 284; LING 201; PSYC 243/WMST 243; PSYC 262; WMST 130</p>	3 s.h.
Total Additional 3-9 s.h.	
<p><i>Other Requirements:</i></p> <p>1) An average of “C” (2.0) must be obtained for those Psychology courses counted toward major course requirements. (This is a college rule.)</p> <p>2) A grade of “C” or better is required in PSYC 100, 110 (or STAT 101), 220, and any 200-level course that is a prerequisite for a 300-level course.</p> <p>Note: Students may attempt PSYC 220 (Research Methods) only twice. [OLD]</p> <p>2) A grade of “C” or better is required in PSYC 100, 221, 222, and any 200-level course that is a prerequisite for a 300-level course.</p> <p>Note: Students may attempt PSYC 221 and 222 only twice.</p>	

¹A grade of C or better in PSYC 100 is a prerequisite for this course (these courses)

²A grade of C or better in PSYC 221 is a prerequisite for this course (these courses)

³CWE required; carries WS2 attribute