**PROGRAM CHANGES**

WEBER STATE UNIVERSITY

**Submission Date: March 5, 2010**

**College: Social and Behavioral Sciences**

**Department**: Psychology

**Program Title:** Psychology Major, Psychology Teaching Major, and BIS emphasis.

**PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:**

The Psychology Major and Psychology Teaching Major programs currently require 36 credit hours distributed as follows: 10 hours of Core General courses, 15 hours of Core Content Courses, and 11 hours of electives. The Psychology Department is currently submitting a new course proposal (for a 1 credit PSY 3605 Psychology Statistics Lab) and a change to the PSY 3610 Methods course (to now include a pre-req/co-req for PSY 3605). After these changes go into effect, Psychology Majors and Psychology Teaching Majors will be required to take PSY 3605 as part of their “Core General Courses”. Therefore, while the total number of hours required (36) will not change, the distribution of the hours will change: 11 hours of Core General courses, 15 hours of Core Content Courses, and 10 hours of electives.

The current Psychology requirements for a BIS emphasis are: 10 hours of Core General Courses and 8 hours of additional electives courses. After the changes described above go into effect, the BIS emphasis will require 11 hours of Core General Courses and 7 hours of additional elective courses.

The Psychology Minor will not be affected.

Check all that apply:

\_\_X\_\_New course(s) required for major, minor, emphasis, or concentration.

\_\_\_\_Modified course(s) required for major, minor, emphasis, or concentration.

\_\_\_\_Credit hour change(s) required for major, minor, emphasis, or concentration.

\_\_\_\_Credit hour change(s) for a course which is required for the major, minor, emphasis, or concentration.

\_\_\_\_Attribute change(s) for any course.

\_\_\_\_Program name change.

\_\_\_\_Deletion of required course(s).

\_\_\_\_Other changes (specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If multiple changes are being proposed, please provide a summary. Use strikeout (~~strikeout~~) when deleting items in the program and highlight (highlight) when adding items.

**Submit the original to the Faculty Senate Office, MC 1033,** and an **electronic copy to** kbrown4 @weber.edu

**JUSTIFICATION:** The justification for the changes listed above are found in the attached proposal for the new PSY 3605 course.

**INFORMATION PAGE**

Attach a copy of the present program from the current catalog and a revised version (exactly as you wish it to appear in the catalog).

See attached.

Did this program change receive unanimous approval within the Department? \_X\_yes\_\_ If not, what are the major concerns raised by the opponents?

Explain any effects this program change will have on program requirements or enrollments in other departments including the Bachelor of Integrated Studies Program. In the case of similar offerings or affected programs, **you should include letters from the departments in question stating their support or opposition to the proposed program**.

We do not anticipate any impact on program requirements or enrollments from other departments, aside from the slight alteration to the BIS emphasis as described above.

Indicate the number of credit hoursfor course work within the program. (Do not include credit hours for General Education, SI, Diversity, or other courses unless those courses fulfill requirements within the proposed program.)

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**Course Requirements**

**Weber State University Psychology Department**

**2008-2009 Catalog**

**Psychology Minors:** *All required courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.*

***Required Courses:*** PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3)

***Elective Courses (minimum 15 credit hours):*** May be taken from any of the courses in the Core General Courses, Core Content Courses, Elective Groups A or B. However, only one course from Electives Group B will be allowed to apply toward the minor.

**Psychology Teaching Minors:** *All required courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.*

***Required Courses (6 credit hours):*** PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3) and PSY 4000 Advanced General Psychology (3)

***Elective Courses (minimum 12 credit hours):***A minimum of 6 credit hours must come from the Core Courses and a maximum of 3 credit hours may be taken from Group B Elective Courses.

***Students who select the Psychology Teaching Minor must meet the Teacher Education admission and licensure requirements (see Teacher Education Department).***

**BIS Emphasis:** *All required courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.*

***Required Courses (11 credit hours):*** PSY 1010 Introductory Psychology (3), PSY 3600 Statistics in Psychology (3), PSY 3605 Psychology Statistics Lab (1), and PSY 3610 Research Methods in Psychology (4).

***Elective Courses (minimum 7 additional credit hours):*** Only one course from Electives Group B will be allowed to apply toward the BIS. Approval of the Department Chair is required. (Also refer to the Bachelor of Integrated Studies Program).

**Psychology Major and Teaching Major:**

***Students who select the Psychology Teaching Minor must meet the Teacher Education admission and licensure requirements (see Teacher Education Department).***

1. Complete a minimum of **36 credit hours** from the following:

* Core General Courses *(11 hours)*
* Core Content Courses *(15 hours)*
* Additional Courses *(10 hours)* selected from the Core General Courses, Core Content Courses, or Electives Group A or B.

1. A minor is also required.
2. All required courses must be passed with a letter grade of C or higher.
3. Other requirements (e.g., general education courses, upper division credit hours) may be found in the WSU catalog and discussed with the college advisor Sarah Homer.

***Core General Courses***

1010SS Introductory Psychology 3

3600\*SI Statistics in Psychology 3

3605\* Psychology Statistics Lab 1

3610\*\*SI Research Methods in Psychology 4

\* PSY SI3600 Statistics in Psychology and PSY 3605 Psychology Statistics Lab are recommended to be taken no later than first semester Junior year. Math 1010 or equivalent is required to register for PSY SI3600. For PSY 3605: Math 1010 or equivalent is a prerequisite for PSY 3605 and PSY 3600 or equivalent is a prerequisite/co-requisite.

\*\*PSY SI3610 Research Methods in Psychology is recommended to be taken no later than second semester Junior Year. Note that PSY SI3600 (or an equivalent with prior approval from the Department Chair) is a prerequisite for PSY SI3610, and PSY 3605 is a prerequisite/co-requisite.

***Core Content Courses (15 hours)***

1. 2730 Biopsychology 3
2. †3000 Child Psychology 3

**OR** †3140 Psychology of Adolescence 3

1. 3010 Abnormal Psychology 3
2. †3250 Conditioning and Learning 3

**OR** †3500 Cognition 3

1. †3460 Social Psychology 3

**OR** †3430 Theories of Personality 3

†One of these two courses must be taken to fulfill the core course requirement. However, the student may opt to also take the second course as an elective.

***Electives Group A: Area Specialization Courses***

2000 Interpersonal Relationships 3

2370 DV Psychology of Women and Gender 3

3020 Child and Adolescent Psychopathology 3

3100 DV Psychology of Diversity 3

3270 Motivation and Emotion 3

3300 Applied Behavior Intervention 3

3550\* Psychology of Consciousness 3

3560 Group Dynamics 3

3710 Physiological Psychology 3

3730 Perception 3

3740 Drugs and Behavior 3

4000 Advanced General 3

4050 Evolutionary Psychology 3

4090 History and Systems of Psychology 3

4310 Intro to Counseling Theories 3

4340\*\* Skills & Techniques of Counseling 3

4510 Industrial and Organizational Behavior 3

4760\*\*\* Tests & Measurements 3

4900 Selected Topics in Psychology 2-3

4990 Seminar 1

\*PSY 1010 and 2730 are prerequisites for PSY 3550

\*\*PSY 4310 or permission of the instructor is a prerequisite for PSY 4340

\*\*\*PSY 3010 and 3600 are prerequisites for PSY 4760

***Electives Group B: Individualized Instruction and Experiential Courses***

1050 Careers in Psychology 1

1540 Psychology of Adjustment 2

2010 The Science and Profession of Psychology 3

2800\*\*\* Projects and Research 1-2

2830\*\*\* Directed Readings 1-2

2890\*\*\*\* Cooperative Work Experience 1-2

4380\*\*\*\*\* Practicum 1-2

4390\*\*\*\*\* Practicum 1-2

4800\*\*\* Projects and Research 1-3

4830\*\*\* Directed Readings 1-3

4890\*\*\*\* Cooperative Work Experience 1-2

4910\*\*\*\*\*\* Capstone Research Project 3, 3

4920\*\*\*\*\*\*\* Conferences and Workshops 1-3

\*\*\*PSY 2800, 2830, 4800 and 4830 require a contract to be filled out with an instructor prior to registration.

\*\*\*\*PSY 2890 and 4890 require the student to have a current job in the field and get permission of the coordinator in the department.

\*\*\*\*\*Eighteen credit hours of psychology coursed approved by the supervising instructor are required, one of which must be PSY 1010. Also, permission of the instructor is required. A maximum of four credit hours counted toward the psychology major and minor from the following courses: PSY 2890, 4890, 4380 and 4390.

\*\*\*\*\*\*PSY 4910 requires a contract to be completed for the project and approval of the Department of Psychology prior to registration. The course is taken for one semester to complete the proposal and gain approval. This course is taken for a second semester to complete the project.

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*PSY 4920 may be used for credit toward a major or minor or BIS in psychology but only when written permission of the department is given at the time of registration.

Course Designations:

DV = Fulfills a University Diversity Requirement

SI = Fulfills a University Scientific Inquiry Requirement

SS = Fulfills a Social Science General Education Requirement