Revision Of Undergraduate And Graduate Programs

Format For Review By University Curriculum Committee (UCC) and Graduate Council.

1. Proposing College / School: College of Liberal Arts
   Department: Psychology

2. Title of Affected Program: Bachelor's Degree in Psychology

3. CIP Code of Affected Program: 42.0101

4. Proposed Implementation Date: 08/16/2012

5. Justification:

(Include a concise, yet adequate rationale for the revision of the program, citing accreditation, assessments (faculty, graduate, and/or external) where applicable.)

In the current undergraduate psychology curriculum students take a total of 36 credit hours to complete major requirements. Of those 36 hours, 12 hours are comprised of core required courses: PSYC 2010/PSYC2017 Intro to Psychology OR Honors Intro to Psychology (3), STAT 2010 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (4), PSYC 2140 Research Methods (4), and PSYC 2020 Orientation to the Major (1). The remaining 24 credit hours are student-chosen psychology electives. This current system does not provide a guideline and/or structure for psychology courses with a broad-based foundation in psychology. A previous SACS report indicated that a more structured plan should be implemented for the psychology major curriculum. The proposed curriculum outlines foundational courses in Group A and B reflect major content areas (similar to peer institution models: University of Alabama, University of Georgia, and University of Florida where all peers institutions have a structured course outline similar to proposed curriculum) as well as allows students to take specific content courses (Group C) and involvement in research and outreach activities (psychology electives).

6. Current Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):

(Provide the current curriculum model for the program, as well as for each formal option.)

Current Curriculum Psychology Major

All students must take the following courses (12 hours):

PSYC 2010/PSYC2017 Intro to Psychology OR Honors Intro to Psychology (3), STAT 2010 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences (4), PSYC 2140 Research Methods (4), and PSYC 2020 Orientation to the Major (1).

Select additional psychology coursework at the 3000 level or above (PSYC 2120 can be substituted for a 3000 level PSYC course) (24 Hours)

Total Hours for Psychology Major (36)

7. Proposed Degree Requirements (Including All Formal Options):

(Provide the proposed curriculum model for the program, as well as for each formal option.)

Proposed Curriculum Psychology Major

All students must take the following courses (12 hours):

PSYC 2010/PSYC2017 Intro to Psychology OR Honors Intro to Psychology (3), STAT 2010 Statistics for Behavioral
Take at least 2 courses from Group A (6)

PSYC 3120 Developmental Psychology, PSYC 3560 Abnormal Psychology, PSYC 3570 Theories of Personality, PSYC 3580 Social Psychology, and PSYC 3590 Industrial/Organizational Psychology

Take at least 2 courses from Group B (6)

PSYC 3510 Behavioral Neuroscience, PSYC 3520 Psychology of Learning, PSYC 3530 Sensation and Perception, PSYC 3540 Cognitive Psychology, and PSYC 3620 Cognitive Neuroscience

Take at least 2 course from Group C (6)


Any combination of 2 additional course may be taken from any of the above Groups A, B, or C OR from list below (6)

PSYC 3910 Supervised Research Experience, PSYC3940 Experiential Learning, PSYC 4910 Human Service Practicum, PSYC 4930 Directed Studies in Psychology, PSYC 4967 Honors Readings, and PSYC 4997 Honors Research and Thesis

Total Hours for Psychology Major (36)

Foundational courses in Groups A and B are offered at least once a year, but typically every semester.

Courses in Group C are special topic courses in a content area and vary from semester to semester, however, all semesters contain at least 6 or more courses from this group (based on past history for last six years).

8. New Courses Required:

(Indicate which courses -- if any -- are part of the curriculum that are not currently offered.)

N/A

9. Relationship of Proposed Program to Other Auburn University Programs:

(If the proposed program revision affects any other unit and/or covers material offered by another college/school, attach correspondence with relevant unit.)

Will the program revision affect other program(s) and/or units at Auburn University? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Will the program revision replace any existing program(s), or specializations / options / concentrations within existing program(s) at Auburn University? [ ] Yes [ ] No
10. New or Additional Resources / Resource Shifting Required:
(If "yes" for any item, please provide explanation in the space provided below.)

Will additional faculty lines be required?  □ Yes  □ No
Will new or additional space (e.g.: laboratory or classroom) be required?  □ Yes  □ No
Will additional library resources be required?  □ Yes  □ No
Will additional GTA support be required?  □ Yes  □ No

Explanation of or provision for new or additional resources / explanation of program’s support or replacement of other programs:

11. Distance Education:
(If Distance Education will be incorporated in the delivery of the proposed program, provide details of implementation, scope, etc.)


