

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: BA in Psychology

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Specifics (see instructions):

The program is retiring PSYC211 and requiring all students to enroll in PSYC309. This change will result in the sequencing of core courses for the BA in psychology to include: PSYC100; PSYC309; and PSYC311.

Current sequencing

Core Requirements (11 credits)	Semester Completed (with a C or better)
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 211: The Science and Profession of Psychology OR PSYC 309: Psychology. Exploring the Discipline and Careers	Students with 45+ credits and at least two psychology courses beyond PSYC 100 are eligible to take PSYC 309.
PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I (PSYC312: Research Methods in Psychology II)	(optional for grad school bound BA)

New sequencing

Core Requirements (11 credits)	Semester Completed (with a C or better)
PSYC 100: Introduction to Psychology	
PSYC 309: Psychology. Exploring the Discipline and Careers	Prerequisite PSYC100 and ENGL100
PSYC 311: Research Methods in Psychology I (PSYC312: Research Methods in Psychology II)	(optional for grad school bound BA)

Rationale (see instructions):

Briefly explain the need for this proposal. For changes in program requirements, explain

- What are the major departures from the current structure and why is the new structure preferable?
The major departure is clarity in sequencing of core course and common prerequisite preparation for all majors moving to the third core course, PSYC311. This is preferable as all students will enter the next course with the same level of content challenge and confusion in registration will be eliminated.
- What provisions will be made to accommodate current students if courses are discontinued?
Students who are failing PSYC211 in spring 2019 will be required to do their second attempt in PSYC309 with a special request to the registrar to accept PSYC309 in lieu of repeating PSYC211(noting the second attempt). Once they pass PSYC309 a special request to the registrar will be made to remove the unsuccessful attempt in PSYC211 and replace with success in psyc309.

Students who have successfully passed PYSC211 prior to summer 2020 will be grandfathered into the old sequencing process and move to the next core course.

- If there is a change in required credits, please provide a specific justification for that change.
There is no change in required credits.