

UMBC UGC Program Changes & Other Request: BA or BS program in Psychology

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Specifics (see instructions):

The faculty would like to add Psyc350 Psychology and the Law to our Domain specification of Applied Courses for the major and minor in psychology.

CURRENT (BA and BS)

Applied Psychology:
PSYC 308: Child Maltreatment
PSYC 320: Psychological Assessment
PSYC 324: Introduction to Interviewing Techniques
PSYC 342: The Psychology of Aggression & Antisocial Behavior
PSYC 345: Introduction to Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy
PSYC 346: Industrial & Organization Psychology
PSYC 385: Health Psychology

PROPOSED (BA and BS)

Applied Psychology:
PSYC 308: Child Maltreatment
PSYC 320: Psychological Assessment
PSYC 324: Introduction to Interviewing Techniques
PSYC 342: The Psychology of Aggression & Antisocial Behavior
PSYC 345: Introduction to Clinical Psychology & Psychotherapy
PSYC 346: Industrial & Organization Psychology
PSYC 350: Psychology and the Law
PSYC 385: Health Psychology

Rationale (see instructions):

- a) What are the major departures from the current structure and why is the new structure preferable?

All students who are majors and minors in Psychology (both BA and BS) are required to take a course in each domain in Psychology (Learning and Cognition; Social, personality and Abnormal Psychology; Biological Basis of Behavior; Development; Culture, Diversity and Context; Applied Psychology, and 400 level WI)

The addition of PSYC350 to the Applied Domain would offer students more choices within the applied area, especially those transfer students who come into the major transferring the more common community college psychology courses, who need more specialized upper-level courses. Also, this area of forensic psychology discussed in psyc350 is needed to represent the full spectrum of psychology to our undergrad students. This course also ties to an active research program in the department allowing students to experience the research to practice process when enrolling in this course.

- b) What provisions will be made to accommodate current students if courses are discontinued?

There is no discontinuation of courses involved, just an additional choice for students. However, we are asking for current SPRING21 students enrolled in PSYC350 to use this course for the Applied Domain.

- c) If there is a change in required credits, please provide a specific justification for that change.

This does not involve credit change.