New Track, Minor, or Certificate Proposal Form

Instructions: All track, minor, or certificate proposals must be signed by the Chair and Dean and submitted to the Office of the Provost.

Faculty Initiating Request: Laurie Walters
Submission Date: November 30, 2016

Department/School: Psychology, Sociology, Criminal Justice

Proposed Addition: ☐ Track ☐ Minor ☐ Certificate
Effective Date: Fall 2017

Program Title: Psychology

Track Degree Program (if applicable): Minor in Psychology

Provide a description of the new Track, Minor, or Certificate course exactly as it will appear in the catalog.

A minor in Psychology must contain 18 semester hours of coursework with 9 hours of upper-division coursework in the area of Psychology. Courses taken to satisfy Core Areas A through E may not be counted as coursework in the minor. Core Area F courses may be counted as coursework in the minor. Students seeking a major in Public Service are not eligible for a minor in psychology. Students must take the following three courses (9 semester hours):
PSYC 1101- Introduction to Psychology
PSYC 2101- Introduction to Psychology of Adjustment
PSYC 2103- Introduction to Human Development.
Students may choose three of the following upper-level courses (9 semester hours):
PSYC 3130- The Transition to Adolescence
PSYC 3140- Adulthood
PSYC 3150- Gerontology
PSYC 3201- Cross Cultural Psychology
PSYC 3256- Social psychology
PSYC 3260- Group Dynamics
PSYC 3265- Abnormal Psychology
PSYC 3277- Personality Theory
PSYC 3285- Industrial Organizational Psychology
PSYC 3330- Interviewing
PSYC 3365- Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy
PSYC 3401- Biopsychology
PSYC 3411- Sensation and Perception
PSYC 3421- Motivation and Emotion
PSYC 3500- Child and Adolescent Psychology
PSYC 3550- Law and Ethics in Psychology
PSYC 3565- Child Psychopathology
PSYC 3601- Cognitive Psychology
PSYC 3611- Risk and Decision Making
PSYC 4030- Psychological Testing
PSYC 4401- Evolutionary Psychology
PSYC 4411- Animal Behavior
PSYC 4500- Children Families and the Law
PSYC 4550- Forensic Psychology
PSYC 4601- Psycholinguistics
SOCI 4110- Deviance and Social Control
PBSV 3040- Conflict Resolution and Negotiation

Laurie Walters 11/29/2016

Assistant Provost of Academic Planning & Policy 1/10/2017

Chair 11/29/16

Provost Date

Dean 11/30/16

Chair Academic Affairs Committee Date

Chair Faculty Senate Date

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Any student who plans to work with the public should have a general understanding of mental health issues and the human experience. Understanding human nature and mental health may make students better able to cope with the stressors in their lives and to be more empathetic to the struggles of those around them. A minor in psychology can provide the foundational knowledge to allow students to be better able to manage conflict, make better decisions, understand research-based writing and the process of research in general. This may also make some of our students more marketable for job opportunities or graduate school placement. This could also increase enrollment in our department.

Does this new track, minor, or certificate require new courses be added to the catalog?  ○ Yes  ○ No
(Attach course proposals)

Will the new track, minor, or certificate require new faculty lines or other institutional resources?  ○ Yes  ○ No
If yes, explain:

For new minors:
Does the new minor adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_affairs_handbook/section2/C731/)?
○ Yes  ○ No  (Attach BoR minor notification form)

For new certificates:
Does the new certificate adhere to BoR guidelines (http://www.usg.edu/academic_programs/changes/certificates_guidelines)?
○ Yes  ○ No  (Attach BoR certificate notification form)