Faculty Initiating Request: Paul Gladden, Ph.D.  Submission Date: February 3, 2017

Department/School: Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice

Degree Program: B.S. in Psychology  Effective Date: Fall 2017

Provide a description of the program exactly as it will appear in the catalog:

Please see attached.

Faculty Member  Date  Assistant Provost of Academic Planning & Policy  Date

Chair  Date  Provost  Date

Dean  Date  Chair Academic Affairs Committee  Date

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Provide a brief rationale for this program modification. For example, does it reflect updated disciplinary content? Does it align the program with state or national norms? Does it promote progression?

This program revision represents several years of discussions among the psychology faculty re: how to streamline advising, provide more flexibility to students (especially those who transfer into the program) and improve progression and graduation rates. Specifically, the proposed revisions will:

1. Eliminate the four-course concentrations that majors were to choose from. Instead, this four-course-sequence will be replaced with guided electives in the discipline - students and faculty advisors will work together to effectively choose these courses, thereby providing flexibility to tailor the student's program of study to his or her academic and professional interests.
2. Provide maximum flexibility in Area F, allowing for guided electives to be applied to Area F - helping progression and graduation of our majors, many of whom are internal and external transfers.
3. Revises the admissions language to better reflect the actual process as practiced.
4. Eliminates PSYC 3130 - "The Transition to Adolescence" which was created as part of the B.S. Middle Grades program (now deactivated).
Description of Program EXACTLY as it will appear in Catalog:

Psychology (B.S.)

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology offers students the opportunity to explore the breadth and depth of the science of behavior and the mind. The degree prepares students for graduate level study and for various professional positions in business, law, and health care. With the guidance of an academic advisor, students can choose from a variety of electives to focus more clearly on future professional goals.

Admission

In order to be admitted to the program, students must declare the B.S. in Psychology as their major. Students may do this during the admissions process to the University, or at any time during their college career. Students who are thinking of changing their major are encouraged to speak with an academic advisor in the Department. Freshman and sophomore students should follow the curriculum outline for the degree presented below. Transfer students are welcomed to the Psychology Program. General education and supporting courses will be evaluated for credit during the admission process. All upper-level transfer courses must be approved by the chair of Psychology, Sociology and Criminal Justice. This will be done on a case-by-case basis using transcripts and appropriate college catalog course descriptions. Students transferring academic credits in the program must meet all university residence and transfer-of-credits requirements. A transfer grade intended to satisfy any Psychology core requirement or major track elective course must be at least a "C."

1. Please note that PSYC 1101 (Introduction to Psychology), PSYC 2103 (Introduction to Human Development), PSYC 2101 (Introduction to Psychology of Adjustment) and MATH 1200 (Elementary Statistics), all must be completed with grades of "C" or higher.

2. In addition to the academic regulations of the University, all Psychology core and major track electives must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher. Student must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.00 to remain in good standing.

Curriculum for Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Core Curriculum (Credit: 42 hours)

See listing of requirements on pages 70-76

Area F: Lower Division Major Requirements (Credit: 18 hours)

Required Courses (Credit: 9 hours)

• PSYC 1101 – Introduction to General Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 2101 – Introduction to the Psychology of Adjustment Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 2103 – Introduction to Human Development Credit: 3 hours

Guided Electives (Credit: 9 hours)

Choose any three 1000- and/or 2000- level courses with guidance from an academic advisor.
Upper Level Core (Credit: 60 hours)

**Required Courses (Credit: 18 hours)**

- PSYC 3001 – Psychological Statistics Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3002 – Research Methods Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3201 – Cross Cultural Psychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3265 – Abnormal Psychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3401 – Biopsychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 4001 – Experimental Psychology Credit: 3 hours

**Major Electives – Breadth (Credit: 15 hours)**

**Developmental Psychology (Credit: 3 hours)**

Choose one course from the following:

- PSYC 3140 – Adulthood Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC/SOCI 3150 – Gerontology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3500 – Child and Adolescent Psychology Credit: 3 hours

**Individual Differences (Credit: 3 hours)**

Choose one course from the following:

- PSYC 3256 – Social Psychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3277 – Personality Theory Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 4030 – Psychological Testing Credit: 3 hours

**Biopsychology (Credit: 3 hours)**

Choose one course from the following:

- PSYC 3411 – Sensation and Perception Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3421 – Motivation and Emotion Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 4401 – Evolutionary Psychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 4411 – Animal Behavior Credit: 3 hours
Learning and Cognition (Credit: 3 hours)
Choose one course from the following:
• PSYC 3601 – Cognitive Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 3611 – Risk and Decision-Making Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 3631 – Theories of Learning Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4601 – Psycholinguistics Credit: 3 hours

Applied Psychology (Credit: 3 hours)
Choose one course from the following:
• PSYC 3285 – Industrial/Organizational Behavior Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4500 – Children, Families, and the Law Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4550 – Forensic Psychology Credit: 3 hours

Major Electives - Guided (Credit: 12 hours)
In consultation with an advisor, a student will choose four 3000- and/or 4000-level psychology courses.

Outside Electives (Credit: 15 hours)
Student may choose any five courses outside psychology selected from the 3000- and 4000- level for which the prerequisites have been met. A maximum of two additional PSYC courses can be counted toward satisfying this section of the degree program. Students are strongly encouraged to take additional coursework in the humanities, natural sciences, computer science, foreign (modern) language, and business.

Total Hours: 120
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Admission
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Admission Requirements:
1. Admission to Middle Georgia State University and in "good standing" with the University
2. Completion of at least 45 semester hours with an overall GPA of 2.00 or higher
3. Completion of Areas A-E of the Core Curriculum
4. Completion of PSYC 1101 (Introduction to Psychology), PSYC 2103 (Introduction to Human Development), PSYC 2101 (Introduction to Psychology of Adjustment) and MATH 1200 (Elementary Statistics), all grades of "C" or higher
5. Completion of all legislatively mandated requirements (U.S. and Georgia history and U.S. and Georgia Constitution requirements)

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Electives (Credit: 9 hours)
Choose three courses from the following:
- ANTH 1102 – Introduction to Anthropology Credit: 3 hours
- BIOL 1001K – Introductory Biology I Credit: 4 hours
- BIOL 1002K – Introductory Biology II Credit: 4 hours
- Foreign (Modern) Language (Any) Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 1111 – History of World Civilizations to 1650 Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 1112 – History of World Civilizations Since 1650 Credit: 3 hours
- HIST 2112 – United States History Since 1865 Credit: 3 hours
- MATH 1200 – Elementary Statistics Credit: 3 hours
- POLS 2601 – Introduction to Public Administration Credit: 3 hours
- SOCI 1101 – Introduction to Sociology Credit: 3 hours
- SOCI 1160 – Introduction to Social Problems Credit: 3 hours
- SOCI 2293 – Introduction to Marriage and the Family Credit: 3 hours

Upper Level Core (Credit: 60 hours)

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**Major Area of Concentration (Credit: 12 hours)**

In consultation with an advisor, a student will complete all courses in one area of concentration.

**Developmental Concentration**

• PSYC 3130 – The Transition to Adolescence Credit: 3 hours OR MGED 3130 – Transition to Adolescence Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 3150 – Gerontology Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 3500 – Child and Adolescent Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4500 – Children, Families, and the Law Credit: 3 hours

**Pre-clinical and Counseling Concentration**

• PSYC 3277 – Personality Theory Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 3365 – Theories of Counseling and Psychotherapy Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4030 – Psychological Testing Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4550 – Forensic Psychology Credit: 3 hours

**Psychology and Law Concentration**

• PSYC 3550 – Law and Ethics and in Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4500 – Children, Families, and the Law Credit: 3 hours
• PSYC 4550 – Forensic Psychology Credit: 3 hours
• SOCI 4110 – Deviance and Social Control Credit: 3 hours
Leadership and Training/Business Concentration

- PSYC 3256 – Social Psychology Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3260 – Group Dynamics Credit: 3 hours
- PSYC 3285 – Industrial/Organizational Behavior Credit: 3 hours
- PBSV 3040 – Conflict Resolution and Negotiation Credit: 3 hours

Outside Electives (Credit: 15 hours)
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