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To: Okanagan Senate
From: Senate Curriculum Committee and Senate Admissions & Awards
Committee

Re: **New Programs**

Attached please find the following new program proposals for your consideration:

Faculty of Arts and sciences

- 1) The following new programs:
 - a. **Master of Arts and Doctor of Philosophy in Psychology**
- 2) The following associated new courses:
 - a. **PSYC 5XX** (3) Contemporary Theories of Psychology
 - b. **PSYC 5XY** (6) Advanced Statistics and Research Methods
 - c. **PSYC 5XZ** (1-6) D Advanced Topics
 - d. **PSYC 599** (12) Master's Thesis
 - e. **PSYC 699** (0) PhD Thesis



UBC Curriculum Proposal Form Change to Course or Program

Category: 1

Faculty: IKB School of Arts & Sciences Unit: Psychology and Computer Science Faculty Approval Date: 2006.08.31 Effective Session _Winter_ Term _1_ Year _2007_ for Change	Date: 2006.09.15 Contact Person: Jan Cioe Phone: 807-8732 Email: jan.cioe@ubc.ca
<p>Proposed Calendar Entries:</p> <p>Psychology <i>Degrees Offered: Ph.D., M.A.</i></p> <p>Program Overview</p> <p>The graduate program in psychology provides exposure to ongoing research projects in a variety of areas of specialization. The Doctor of Philosophy and Master of Arts are awarded only to those students who acquire a detailed knowledge of the current research findings in their area of specialization, a knowledge of the concepts and issues in other selected areas of psychology, and experience in the conduct of original research of high quality.</p> <p>Doctor of Philosophy</p> <p>Admission Requirements</p> <p>The program is governed by the regulations of the University of British Columbia Okanagan College of Graduate Studies, including its standards for admission of students. Students admitted to the Ph.D. degree program normally must possess a M.A. in Psychology or a related area, with clear evidence of research ability or potential. Exceptional students may be admitted directly to the Ph.D. program with only an Honours degree.</p> <p>Transfer from the M.A. to the Ph.D. program is permitted at the discretion of the program under regulations set by the College of Graduate Studies after 12 – but after no more than 18 -months in the M.A. program.</p> <p>Applicants from a university outside Canada in which English is not the primary language of instruction must present evidence of competency to pursue studies in the English language prior to being extended an offer of admission. Students can demonstrate English language proficiency with the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language):</p>	<p>URL: (URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to existing content - for course entries simply list the course number.)</p> <p>Present Calendar Entry: none</p> <p>Type of Action: New Programs</p> <p>Rationale: This calendar description sets out the nature of degrees available and the admission requirements [also presented in a separate form] and mirrors the language of UBCV. It is important to note that the graduate program involves two phases: Initially, we will be offering only the experimental stream but when the resources are available [hopefully by 2009] we will also introduce the clinical stream. Before the clinical stream is introduced new courses will presented for approval by Senate. Moreover, the calendar description for the program will also be modified to reflect these specializations.</p>



minimum score of 600 (paper version) or 250 (computer version) or 100 (internet version; the IELTS (International English Language Testing Service); minimum overall band score of 7.0 with no other component score less than 6.5; or a MELAB score of at least 84.

Students are encouraged to contact the program prior to formally applying to discuss their admission

Program Requirements

In addition to the general academic regulations for graduate students set out in Chapter VII, the minimum requirements for the Ph.D. are:

- Up to 18 credits of coursework equivalent to that required for the M.A. program selected by the student with the approval of his or her supervisory committee [if a student has not already completed the relevant credits or their equivalent];
- a second year empirical paper [If a student has not already completed a M.A. thesis in Psychology or a related area];
- a comprehensive examination; and
- a successfully defended doctoral thesis [PSYC 699]

Additional coursework may be required by a student's supervisory committee. For more information regarding the comprehensive examination and thesis, please refer to the College of Graduate Studies Academic Regulations in Chapter VII.

Master of Arts

Admission Requirements

The program is governed by the regulations of the University of British Columbia Okanagan College of Graduate Studies, including its standards for admission of students.

Entering students will normally have an honours degree [or an undergraduate degree and equivalent research experience] in psychology or a related area. This must include course work in statistics and research methodology. Students must submit their Graduate Record Exam [GRE] scores; the general GRE scores are required and the subject specialty scores are recommended.

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Program Requirements

In addition to the general academic regulations for graduate students set out in Chapter VII, the minimum requirements for the M.A are 30 credits as follows:

- a 12 credit thesis [PSYC 599]
- 6 credits of graduate-level statistics and methodology;
- 3 credits for Contemporary Theories of Psychology; and
- 9 other credits selected by the student in consultation with - and approval of- his or supervisor, of which no more than 6 credits can be at the 300 or 400 level, and none may be at the 100 or 200 level.

Contact Information

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Proposed Calendar Entries: PSYC 5XX (3) – Contemporary Theories of Psychology [3-0-0] Major theories that comprise core areas of contemporary psychology. Historical perspectives of schools of thought, social and institutional contexts, and evolution of the discipline.	URL: (URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to existing content - for course entries simply list the course number.) Present Calendar Entry: Type of Action: Rationale: This course is a required course for all students in the experimental stream of the psychology graduate program.



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Proposed Calendar Entries: PSYC 5XY (6) – Advanced Statistics and Research Methods [3-0-0] Research methods as applied to psychology, focusing on univariate and multivariate statistical approaches [e.g., analysis of variance designs, multivariate regression, correlation models, etc.].	URL: (URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to existing content - for course entries simply list the course number.) Present Calendar Entry: Type of Action: Rationale: This course is essential for the experimental stream of the psychology graduate program. It is a required course for all students in the program since it provides foundational skill and knowledge for research in the area.



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Proposed Calendar Entries: PSYC 5XZ (1-6) D - Advanced Topics [0-0-3]	URL: (URL from the current web Calendar – not the draft calendar. This URL is not needed if you are only making changes to existing content - for course entries simply list the course number.) Present Calendar Entry: Type of Action: Rationale: This courses is essential in the experimental stream of the psychology graduate program in its initial phase. As the graduate program developments and we establish concentrations [based primarily on faculty expertise and student interest], we will be introducing more specific courses. This is the same strategy employed in the evolution of the Interdisciplinary Studies Graduate degrees. The Advanced Topics course has a credit value of 1-6 in recognition that we may be offering a number of modules of varying duration; the standard is that 3 credit courses involve approximately 45 hours of instruction so a 1 credit offering would be 15 hours of instruction. Students will be able to take this course number more than once as long as the advanced topics covered differ.



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