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TO: Members, University Senate

FROM: University Senate Council

RE: Course/Program Actions: Effective Date: Summer Semester, 2003,
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

The Senate Council circulates for your approval the following curricular actions. Objections will be accepted from University Senators and faculty members and must be received within ten days of receipt of this notice. All other requirements for the courses or programs as approved below must be met.

SENATE COUNCIL

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Department of Psychology

Change in Undergraduate Program: BA and BS in Psychology

Major or Professional Course Requirements:

Only requirements to change are shown.

CURRENT

PROPOSED

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Applied Course	3	Category to be eliminated, reducing major requirements by 3 credit hours
PSY 302 Psychology in Business and Industry	3	
PSY 305 Psychology of Sex Roles	3	
PSY 448 Applied Social Psychology	3	
PSY 459 Drugs and Behavior	3	

PSY 503 Psychology of Industrial Personnel Procedure	3
PSY 533 Abnormal Psychology	3
PSY 534 Child Psychopathology	3
PSY 535 Psychological Testing	3

Senior Comprehensive Exam

To be eliminated

Electives Psychology Courses

PSY 223 Developmental Psychology	PSY 223 Developmental Psychology
PSY 331 The Psychology of Adjustment	PSY 302 Psychology in Business and Industry
PSY 344 Social Psychology	PSY 305 Psychology of Sex Roles
PSY 395 Independent Work in Psychology	PSY 331 The Psychology of Adjustment
PSY 399 Field Based/Community Based Education	PSY 395 Independent Work in Psychology
PSY 424 Human Senses and Perception	PSY 424 Human Senses and Perception
PSY 425 Dimensions of Aging	PSY 399 Field Based/Community Based Education
PSY 449 Interpersonal Processes	PSY 425 Dimensions of Aging
PSY 529 Psycholinguistics	PSY 448 Applied Social Psychology
PSY 532 Personality	PSY 449 Interpersonal Processes
PSY 558 Biology of Motivation	PSY 459 Drugs and Behavior
	PSY 533 Abnormal Psychology
	PSY 534 Child Psychopathology
	PSY 535 Psychological Testing
	PSY 558 Biology of Motivation

The proposed changes in the curriculum involve two modifications: (1) Elimination of the current requirement that students complete one course from the category "Applied course," which reduces the credit hour requirement in the major from 26 hours to 23 hours; and (2) eliminating the currently required Senior Comprehensive Exam from the curriculum.

- 1. Elimination of the current requirement that students complete one course in the category "Applied course," thus reducing the credit hour requirement in the major from 26 hours to 23 hours** – We will continue to have these courses available to students, but we have decided that requiring a course from this category is unnecessary for our majors. By eliminating this requirement we create a little more freedom for the student to select courses consistent with their interests rather than merely to fulfill a requirement.
- 2. Eliminating the currently required Senior Comprehensive Exam from the curriculum** – We have been using a 60-item multiple choice exam covering the contents of PSY

215, 216, 311, 312, 313, and 314, which we constructed ourselves, as an assessment tool for graduating majors. However, we have determined that this exam has unacceptable validity as a measure of the quantity or quality of psychological knowledge possessed by our graduating majors. The department will be working toward developing a completely different assessment tool, likely of a completely different format and with different contents. Assessment of graduating majors will then be based on a system which does not require testing every major, but rather only a representative sample. Such an assessment will include quantitative and qualitative indices. Hence, we no longer need it listed as a requirement for all majors.

In addition, the list of Elective Psychology Courses has been expanded.

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