

**College of Education and Behavioral Sciences (CEBS)
Office of the Dean -- 5-4662**

REPORT TO THE UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

The following action item is being forwarded for the October 22, 2015 meeting:

Action Type	Description of Item and Contact Information
Action	Revise Program – 760, Major in Psychology Contact: Steve Wininger, steven.wininger@wku.edu, 5-4421

**College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
Department of Psychology
Proposal to Revise a Program
(Action Item)**

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1. Identification of program:

- 1.1 Current program reference number: 760
- 1.2 Current program title: Major in Psychology
- 1.3 Credit hours: 31

2 Identification of the proposed program changes:

- 2.1 Added a new course category requirement labelled “Development and Behavior.”
- 2.2 Total credit hours have been increased from 31 to 34 hours.
- 2.3 Two new concentration options entitled “Sport Psychology” and “Forensic Psychology” have been added.

3 Detailed program description:

Current Program	Proposed Program
General Major The general major in psychology (reference number 760) requires a minimum of 31 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree.	General Major The general major in psychology (reference number 760) requires a minimum of 34 semester hours and leads to a Bachelor of Arts degree.
A minor or second major is required. At least half of the program must be in upper division courses (numbered 300 or above).	A minor, second major, or the sport psychology concentration is required. At least half of the program must be in upper division courses (numbered 300 or above).
Required courses are PSY100 Introduction to Psychology (3), PSY 210 Research Methods in Psychology (3), PSY 211 Research Methods in Psychology Lab (1), PSY 313 Statistics in Psychology (3), and PSY 481 History of Psychology (3).	Required core courses are PSY100 Introduction to Psychology (3), PSY 210 Research Methods in Psychology (3), PSY 211 Research Methods in Psychology Lab (1), PSY 313 Statistics in Psychology (3), and PSY 481 History of Psychology (3).
MATH 183 (recommended) or other mathematics course (excluding MATH 109) that satisfies the mathematics General Education requirement must also be completed, as well as the indicated number of hours from each of the following categories.	MATH 183, PHIL 215 , or other mathematics courses (excluding MATH 109) that satisfy the Colonnade Quantitative Reasoning requirement must also be completed.
One course from each of the following categories must be taken. Foundations of Behavior: 3 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 331 – Psychology of Learning (3) • PSYS 333 – Cognitive Psychology (3) • PSYS 363 – Psychology of Sensation and Perception (3) • PSY 412 – Psychology of Motivation and Emotion (3) 	One course from each of the following categories must be taken. Development and Behavior: 3 hours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 220 Introduction to Lifespan Developmental Psychology (3) • PSY 422 Adolescent Psychology (3) • FACS 191 Child Development (3) • GERO 100 Introduction to the Aging

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 422 – Adolescent Psychology (3) • PSY 436 – Applied Cognitive Psychology (3) • PSYS 450 – Introduction to Personality Theories (3) <p>Group Behavior: 3 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 350 – Social Psychology (3) • PSY 355 – Cross-Cultural Psychology (3) • PSYS 370 – Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3) • PSY 371 – Psychology of Sales (3) • PSY470 – Psychology and Law (3) <p>Behavioral Change: 3 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 340 – Sport Psychology (3) • PSY 440 – Abnormal Psychology (3) • PSY 442 – Beginning Skills in Psychological Interviewing (3) • PSY 443 – Behavior Modification (3) • PSY 445 – Introduction to Clinical Practice in Psychology (3) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Experience (3)</p> <p>Foundations of Behavior: 3 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 331 – Psychology of Learning (3) • PSYS 333 – Cognitive Psychology (3) • PSYS 363 – Psychology of Sensation and Perception (3) • PSY 412 – Psychology of Motivation and Emotion (3) • PSY 436 – Applied Cognitive Psychology (3) • PSYS 450 – Introduction to Personality Theories (3) <p>Group Behavior: 3 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 350 – Social Psychology (3) • PSY 355 – Cross-Cultural Psychology (3) • PSYS 370 – Industrial/Organizational Psychology (3) • PSY 371 – Psychology of Sales (3) • PSY 470 – Psychology and Law (3) <p>Behavioral Change: 3 hours</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSY 340 – Sport Psychology (3) • PSY 440 – Abnormal Psychology (3) • PSY 442 – Beginning Skills in Psychological Interviewing (3) • PSY 443 – Behavior Modification (3) • PSY 445 – Introduction to Clinical Practice in Psychology (3)
<p>Psychology Electives: 9 hours (at least 6 hours in courses numbered 300 or above in PSY or PSYS with the exception of PSY175 or PSY310)</p>	<p>No changes to this section.</p>
<p>The Psychology General Major is restricted to students with minimum composite ACT of 20 (or equivalent SAT) or a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 after 30 plus hours.</p>	<p>No changes to this section.</p>
	<p>In addition to the option of majoring in psychology and choosing a minor or second major, students may also declare the sport psychology concentration which does not require an additional minor or second major.</p>
	<p>Sport Psychology Concentration</p> <p>Required Psychology Major Courses</p> <p>-Core courses (13 hours): PSY 100, 210, 211, 313, and 481.</p> <p>-Category courses (12): Development and Behavior, Foundations of Behavior, Group</p>

	<p>Behavior, and Behavioral Change.</p> <p>Required Psychology Concentration Courses (Concentration courses may not be counted as category courses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -PSY 340 Sport Psychology (3) -PSY 412 Psychology of Motivation and Emotion (3) -PSY 440 Abnormal Psychology (3) <p>Other Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -BIOL 131 Human Anatomy & Physiology (4); Colonnade E-NS with lab -PE 122 Foundations of Kinesiology (3) -PE 311 Exercise Physiology (3) -PE 313 Motor Development (3) -HMD 211 Human Nutrition (3); Colonnade K-SC -HMD 364 Sports Nutrition (3) <p>Total hours required for concentration = 53</p>
	<p>Forensic Psychology Concentration</p> <p>Required Psychology Major Courses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Core courses (13 hours): PSY 100, 210, 211, 313, and 481. -Category courses (12): Development and Behavior (PSY 422 recommended), Foundations of Behavior, Group Behavior, and Behavioral Change. <p>Required Psychology Concentration Courses (9) (Concentration courses may not be counted as category courses)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -PSY 350 Social Psychology (3) -PSY 440 Abnormal Psychology (3) -PSY 470 Psychology and Law (3) <p>Restricted Elective Courses from Other Departments (6) (Choose two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -CRIM 101 Intro to Criminal Justice (3); (Colonnade E-SB) -CRIM 456 Homicide and Serial Homicide (3) -PHIL 211 Why are Bad People Bad (3); (Colonnade K-SC) -PS 220 Judicial Process (3); (Colonnade K-SY) <p>Total hours required for concentration = 40</p>

4. Rationale for the proposed program change:

- 4.1. Adding the new course category of Development and Behavior adheres more closely to APA's suggested guidelines for undergraduate curriculum content. Additionally, we have observed that some of our majors have career goals that involve working with or understanding individuals in specific areas of the lifespan. The addition of this category will allow them to further focus on these interests as they pursue their major.
- 4.2. The addition of the new course category moves our required hours from 31 to 34.
- 4.3. Two of the more popular specialties within psychology are sport psychology and forensic psychology. We are often asked by visiting potential students about these two areas. None of the other colleges or universities in the state of Kentucky offer an undergraduate program in sport psychology and only ECU offers a concentration in Forensic Psychology. We feel that these concentrations will help attract more students to WKU and provide more depth in popular specialties within psychology. Another positive aspect of these concentrations is that they expose our students to related subject areas that are an integral part of each specialization.

5. Proposed term for implementation and special provisions (if applicable): Fall 2016

6. Dates of prior committee approvals:

Department/ Unit	9/18/2015
College Curriculum Committee	10/6/2015
Professional Education Council (if applicable)	N/A
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee	
University Senate	