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PROGRAM/DEGREE REQUIREMENT CHANGE (MAJOR)

SUBMITTED BY:

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See <http://www.uaf.edu/uafgov/faculty-senate/curriculum/course-degree-procedures/> for a complete description of the rules governing curriculum & course changes.

PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION:

DEGREE PROGRAM	Bachelor in Psychology
Degree Level: (i.e., Certificate, A.A., A.A.S., B.A., B.S., M.A., M.S., Ph.D.)	B.A./B.S

A. CHANGE IN DEGREE REQUIREMENTS: (Brief statement of program/degree changes and objectives)

We are seeking to make two changes:

- Change the level of PSY 201 Culture and Psychology to PSY 301 Culture and Psychology.**
Major course change form has been submitted. After teaching this class for the past five semesters with three different instructors, the faculty has concluded that the content and critical thinking involved are better reflected at 300 level. Adding a prerequisite of PSY 275 Introduction to Social Science Research Methods will provide students with a better foundation to evaluate the studies presented in the text.

- Add PSY 240 Psychology of Development as a choice for "Theoretical Options".**

Following PSY 101 Introduction) students will benefit by taking a 200 level content course that will transition students to the upper level psychology classes after their introductory class. PSY 240 is the logical choice since it provides an overview of theory and research within one subfield of psychology. This change provides a 200 content option when PSY 201 is changed to a 300 level. Students would then move into the research classes, namely PSY 250 Statistics for Social Sciences and PSY 275 Introduction to Social Science Research Methods.

B. CURRENT REQUIREMENTS AS IT APPEARS IN THE CATALOG:

BA, BS DEGREES; MINOR

Minimum Requirements for Degrees: 120 credits

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In addition to active engagement in the classroom, students can participate in research and community service. Programs in psychology facilitate an understanding of the human experience as an interaction of biological, psychological, social and cultural processes.

Graduates of the undergraduate program in psychology have been successful in gaining entrance to graduate school in a variety of fields including psychology, medicine, business and law. Graduation with an undergraduate psychology degree has allowed students to become employed in a variety of entry-level human services and business positions.

The Alaska Natives into Psychology program helps train Alaska Natives and American Indians as psychologists or other behavioral health professionals to address the significant shortage of these professionals in Alaska, particularly rural Alaska. The program strives to attract Native high school and undergraduate students seeking a degree in psychology.

Major -- BA or BS Degree

1. Complete the general university requirements.
2. Complete the BA or BS degree requirements.
3. Complete the following program (major) requirements:*

a. **Foundation** (15 credits)

Complete the following:

PSY F101--Introduction to Psychology--3 credits

PSY F201--Psychology and Culture--3 credits

PSY/SOC F250--Introductory Statistics for Social Sciences (3)

or STAT F200X--Elementary Probability and Statistics (3)--3 credits

PSY F275--Introduction to Social Science Research Methods--3 credits

PSY F475W--Research Design and Analysis in Psychology (3)

or PSY F485--Senior Seminar (3)

or PSY F499--Thesis (3)--3 credits

b. **Theoretical** (6 credits)

Complete 6 credits from the following:

PSY F304--Personality--3 credits

PSY F320--History and Systems of Psychology--3 credits

PSY/SOC F330--Social Psychology--3 credits

PSY/SOC F333/WGS F332--Human Sexualities Across Cultures--3 credits

PSY F335--Brain and Behavior--3 credits

PSY F345--Abnormal Psychology--3 credits

PSY/WGS F3600--Psychology of Women Across Cultures--3 credits

PSY F370--Drugs and Behavior--3 credits

PSY F440--Learning and Cognition--3 credits

PSY F470W,O--Sensation and Perception--3 credits

c. **Applied** (6 credits)

Complete 6 credits from the following:

PSY F337W--Sport Psychology--3 credits

PSY F390W,O--Industrial and Organizational Psychology--3 credits

PSY F445W--Community Psychology--3 credits

PSY F455--Clinical Psychology--3 credits

PSY F469--Health Psychology--3 credits

PSY F475W--Research Analysis and Design--3 credits

PSY/SOC F480W--Qualitative Social Science Research--3 credits

PSY F485--Senior Seminar in Psychology--3 credits

PSY F488--Practicum in Psychology--1-6 credits

PSY F498--Research in Psychology--1-6 credits

PSY F499--Thesis--1-6 credits

d. **Breadth** (9 credits)

Complete 9 additional psychology credits selected from the catalog or from electives approved by psychology faculty.

4. Minimum credits required--120 credits

* Students must earn a C- grade or better in each course.

** STAT F200X may count for both CORE and major requirement.

Note: No course may count in more than one area (e.g. PSY F475W may NOT count toward both 3a and 3c).

Note: Students may not count more than 6 credits of any combination of PSY F497 and F498 toward the major.

Note: Students may apply an unlimited number of PSY F392/F492 and PSY F393/F493 credits toward the degree provided the topics are different for each course.

Note: Students should work closely with an advisor to ensure completion of 39 upper division credits for graduation.

Minor

1. Complete the following:
 - PSY F101--Introduction to Psychology--3 credits
 - PSY electives--12 credits
2. Minimum credits required--15 credits

C. **PROPOSED REQUIREMENTS AS IT WILL APPEAR IN THE CATALOG WITH THESE CHANGES:**
(Underline new wording ~~strike through old wording~~ and use complete catalog format)

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b. **Theoretical (6 credits)**

Complete 6 credits from the following:

PSY 240 - Psychology of Development - 3 credits

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PSY/SOC F330--Social Psychology--3 credits

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D. ESTIMATED IMPACT

WHAT IMPACT, IF ANY, WILL THIS HAVE ON BUDGET, FACILITIES/SPACE, FACULTY, ETC.

BUDGET: No impact on budget. These two classes are already offered Fall and Spring.
FACILITY: If more psychology students choose to take PSY240, it may need a larger classroom (estimated 5-10 more students per semester). No changes for PSY 201/301 are expected.
FACULTY: Instructor of PSY 240 may have 5-10 more students per semester. The faculty for Culture and Psychology will have better prepared students.

E. IMPACTS ON PROGRAMS/DEPTS:

What programs/departments will be affected by this proposed action?
Include information on the Programs/Departments contacted (e.g., email, memo)

No other departments will be impacted by these changes.

F. IF MAJOR CHANGE - ASSESSMENT OF THE PROGRAM:

Description of the student learning outcomes assessment process.)

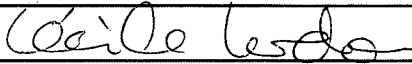
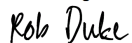

Our Outcomes Assessment which was revised as of the 2013-14 catalog remain unchanged.

JUSTIFICATION FOR ACTION REQUESTED

The purpose of the department and campus-wide curriculum committees is to scrutinize program/degree change applications to make sure that the quality of UAF education is not lowered as a result of the proposed change. Please address this in your response. This section needs to be self-explanatory. If you drop a course, is it because the material is covered elsewhere? Use as much space as needed to fully justify the proposed change and explain what has been done to ensure that the quality of the program is not compromised as a result.

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- **Once Culture and Psychology is changed to a 300 level, the students need a 200 level content course to follow introductory PSY 101. This provides a transition to upper level academic rigor and also an opportunity to explore one subfield of psychology. PSY 240 Psychology of Development is the appropriate choice to accomplish this. By listing PSY 240 as a "Theoretical: Option, students will be more encouraged to enroll.**

APPROVALS: SIGNATURES MUST BE OBTAINED PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO THE GOVERNANCE OFFICE

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Signature, Chair, College/School Curriculum Council for:			
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Graduate Academic and Advisory Committee			