BSU Curriculum Forms - Form 1 - Curriculum Modification Summary

College: Health Sciences and Human Ecology
Department: Psychology
Proposer: Richard Hook
Proposer’s position: Chair

Describe the modification(s) you propose, and how it (/they) will work to students' advantage.
(This description and explanation will be included in Curriculum Report packets forwarded to the Faculty Senate.):

There are several changes in this proposal.

1. Modify *Counseling and Crisis Interventions* (PSY 4332) and *Psychological Measurement* (PSY 3347). To tailor the major to their career goals, psychology majors are currently required to select 25 credits of electives, 9 credits of 4000 level electives and 16 additional credits of electives at any level. By lowering the popular course, *Counseling and Crisis Interventions* (PSY 4332), to the 3000 level, and by raising the challenging and less popular course, *Psychological Measurement* (PSY 3347), to the 4000 level, our most challenging courses will be reserved for the 4000 level. This change should encourage students to take important electives in the major that they may perceive as more challenging than other more popular courses.

2. Modify *Preinternship Seminar* (PSY 4870). Modify the course description to include the required prerequisite, junior or senior standing in the major.

3. New Course, *Psychology Internship* (PSY 4970). Develop a course description and stated prerequisites for this popular course. Although Psychology has offered an internship in our program for decades we had never had a description of the course or the required prerequisites in the catalog. Placing this information in the catalog will help inform students about the potentials and expectations of the internship experience in our major.

4. Modify *Topics in Psychology* (PSY 3387) to be offered variably for 1-4 credits. The topics course in the major has proven to be a popular and effective means of engaging students in research. Often, but not always, the course is offered in conjunction with *Research Lab* (PSY 4447). Changing the variable credit options for the course from 1-2 credits to 1-4 credits will provide more flexibility for adapting the course to specific topics and the schedule needs of students and faculty.

Modifications proposed (specify number of each):

- **4 Course Modification(s)** (form 2)
- **1 New Course(s)** (form 3)
- **0 Course Drop(s)** (form 4)
- **0 Program Modification(s)** (form 5)
- **0 New Program(s)** (form 6)
- **0 Program Drop(s)** (form 7)

The modifications affect (check):

- **Liberal Education**
- **X_Undergraduate Curriculum**
- **Graduate Curriculum**
- **Teacher Licensure Program(s)**
BSU Curriculum Forms Form 2 Course Modification Form

Current Course Number(s):
  Undergraduate: PSY 4332
  Graduate: PSY 5332
Proposed Course Number(s), if different:
  Undergraduate: PSY 3332
  Graduate: PSY 5332

Current Course Title: Counseling and Crisis Interventions
Proposed Course Title, if different:

Current Course Description: A practical, skills-based introduction to the development of interpersonal awareness, beginning counseling techniques, and crisis intervention techniques.
Proposed Course Description, if different:

Current Credits: 4
Proposed Credits, if different:

Current Prerequisite(s): PSY 1100 and PSY 2217.
Proposed Prerequisite(s), if different:

May this modified course replace the current course for students remaining in the old curriculum? Yes __X__ No _____ If not, please drop the current course and submit a new course form for the modification.

Current Course fee(s) per student: $ NONE
for:
Proposed Course fee(s) per student, if different: $
for:

This course is listed in the following areas as a requirement or an elective: NO

  Non-licensure programs:
  Teacher Licensure programs:
  Liberal Education:

The above “service” area programs/departments were notified of this modification on ______ (date) by ____________________ (mail, email, or phone).

Reason(s) for change(s):

The proposed modification will change only the number of the course and will not otherwise change the existing course. Lowering the number to the 3000 level will allow the numbering to better reflect the perceived level of academic challenge in the course and reserves the 4000 level numbers for the department’s most challenging electives. Student in our major are required to take 9 credits of 4000 level electives. Removing this popular course from the 4000 level offerings should encourage more students to take other important electives in the major that may be perceived as more challenging.
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Current Course Number(s):
   Undergraduate: PSY 3347
   Graduate: PSY 5347

Proposed Course Number(s), if different:
   Undergraduate: 4347
   Graduate: 5347

Current Course Title: Psychological Measurement

Proposed Course Title, if different:

Current Course Description: This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of psychometric theory and methods of psychological test construction, and to effect familiarity with established measures of personality, interests, intelligence, and academic achievement.

Proposed Course Description, if different:

Current Credits: 3

Proposed Credits, if different:

Current Prerequisite(s): PSY 1100 and PSY 3401 (for PSY 5347: Consent of instructor)

Proposed Prerequisite(s), if different:

May this modified course replace the current course for students remaining in the old curriculum? Yes ___X___ No _____ If not, please drop the current course and submit a new course form for the modification.

Current Course fee(s) per student: $ NONE
for:
Proposed Course fee(s) per student, if different: $
for:

This course is listed in the following areas as a requirement or an elective: NO

   Non-licensure programs: [Counseling Psych., M.S. for PSY 5347]
   Teacher Licensure programs:
   Liberal Education:

The above “service” area programs/departments were notified of this modification on ________ (date) by ____________________ (mail, email, or phone).

Reason(s) for change(s):

   Because of its quantitative nature this course is less popular with students than other courses as an elective in the major. But, it represents an essential aspect of psychological science that our faculty believe students should be exposed to. By raising this course to the 4000 level it will be more attractive to our majors who must choose from a selection of similarly challenging 4000 level elective courses to acquire the required 9 credits of 4000 level electives in the major.